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On winning form: the Queen Mother, on her first public appearance since her recent operation, with The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh surveying the scene at the Epsom racecourse yesterday

Derby day royal gift: a 12-1 winner

BY JOHN YOUNG

THE Queen was given the best possible present yesterday, the fortieth anniversary of her coronation, when her horse Enharmonic won the Diomed Stakes at Epsom on Derby Day.

The Derby was won easily by the second favourite, Commander In Chief, owned by Prince Khaled Abdullah who also owns the odds-on favourite, Tenby, which finished nowhere.

The Queen's win at 12-1 gave her a first prize of £21,843 which she later increased to £24,081 when her horse Talent came third in the Silver Seal handicap.

The Queen, in a light blue suit, arrived at the course at lunchtime with Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, the Prince of Wales, and the Duke of Edinburgh. The Queen Mother, wearing pink, was making her first public appearance since she was taken to hospital two weeks ago, and was looking less than her usual robust self.

Enharmonic is trained by Lord Huntingdon and was ridden by Lanfranco Dettori. As he passed the post, winner by a short head in a photo finish, the excited Queen made a gesture variously interpreted as a thumb's up or a call for a celebratory drink.

Commander In Chief, trained by Henry Cecil and ridden by Michael Kinane, lived up to his name with an impressive 15-2 win in the big race, netting his owner a prize of £447,580. Rank outsiders Blue Judge and Blues Traveller were second and third.

Fortieth anniversaries are not regarded as significant by the Queen, but at midday, as they do on every June 2, the King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, fired a 41-gun salute in Hyde Park, and an hour later the Honourable Artillery Company fired 62 guns at the Tower of London.

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Recovery slowing down, Clarke told

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

■ A cut in interest rates to speed the faltering recovery could further damage the Conservatives' prospects in the Christchurch by-election

WORRYING evidence that the economic recovery may be faltering has been presented to Kenneth Clarke, adding to the Chancellor's dilemma over tax increases and compounding the pressure on the prime minister.

Money supply statistics released yesterday show a hiccup in consumer spending and unpublished figures from the construction industry suggest that the improvement in the housebuilding market is also hesitating.

The figures prompted speculation that Mr Clarke may cut interest rates to sustain the recovery, and they will harden the opposition of many Tory MPs to the idea of higher taxes which had been floated since Mr Clarke took over from Norman Lamont.

Concerns over the recovery are the last thing John Major needs as he attempts to reassert his authority after the divisions of Maastricht and the outbreak of internal warfare that followed his cabinet reshuffle. But the statistics underline the dilemma both for him and for Mr Clarke: an interest rate cut might boost the recovery, but it could harm the Conservatives' chances in the Christchurch by-election, where 40 per cent of the electorate are pensioners who rely on their savings.

Defeat at Christchurch would cut the government's Commons majority to 17 and raise further questions about Mr Major's leadership, which came under scrutiny again yesterday when a senior cabinet minister made a surprise call on backbenchers to rally round the prime minister. In remarks that appeared to acknowledge Mr Major's difficulties, Ian Lang defended him against "grossly unfair and uninformed criticism" and pointedly recalled that it was he who had led the Tories to an election victory that many had thought impossible.

"It is time for Conservatives to settle down and fight the opposition not each other," the Scottish secretary told local Tories in Ross, Cromarty and Skye. "In the past year, the prime minister has skilfully led a government with a small and variable majority in pursuit of a radical, demanding and challenging agenda." The pursuit of the government agenda would require tough and in the short run unpopular decisions, especially on public spending and in the public services. "But we must stick to our last. To court popularity is to court disaster."

Mr Lang spoke as the debate over public spending and tax increases was given a new dimension by the latest statistics. The fall in the money supply to its lowest level since November was sharper than expected, and George Magnus of the merchant bank SG Warburg said: "This could suggest that the whizz-bang growth in retail sales and manufacturing at the start of the year may be starting to lose momentum." Mr Magnus said the figure did not put the recovery in doubt, but it provided evidence that the upturn would be more gentle than some had suggested.

While the money supply figures prompted speculation on interest rate cuts that in turn put pressure on the pound, it will be the construction industry statistics that cause greatest concern among Conservative backbenchers.

Every month, the Housebuilders' Federation publishes figures on activity in the construction market, but it also compiles a weekly survey based on returns from 21 leading builders who track site visits and orders placed. These represent 30 per cent of the market, but although the figures are sent to the Chancellor, they are never published because they cannot present an accurate national picture.

Before Easter, the published figures showed a 50 per cent improvement on a year ago, but unpublished statistics for the past two weeks were only 20 per cent up on this time last year — a period of virtual collapse in the housing market.

One industry insider said: "The last thing the Chancellor can afford to do is depress confidence by raising taxes, otherwise, this recovery could be stillborn. Advisers are queuing up to tell Mr Clarke to make swingeing cuts in public spending or tax increases. It makes no sense at all."

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Lloyd's fraud case could delay repayment of names

BY MELINDA WITTSTOCK

LLOYD'S of London names are concerned that a pending Serious Fraud Office investigation into seven syndicates which have lost £925 million so far might impede any chance they have of recovering their losses through a civil settlement.

Two Tory MPs, two senior judges and two government ministers in the Lords are among 4,500 people who are suffering spiralling losses from the Gooda Walker syndicates. Two months ago the Gooda Walker underwriters were condemned in the Randall report for allegedly fraudulent use of reinsurance policies to disguise losses.

The report by Ken Randall, a former Lloyd's head of regulation, was lodged just over a month ago with Patricia Howes, assistant director of the Serious Fraud Office. But no action has been taken, in spite of Mr Randall's findings that thousands of names joined Gooda Walker syndicates because profits had been "significantly enhanced" by time and distance policies.

Tom Benyon, former Tory MP and a director of the Society of Names, yesterday argued against a criminal case brought by the fraud office, saying that vital papers needed to pursue civil claims would be held by the courts for up to four years. "The whole matter would become *sub judice*, and I'm not sure whether that is in the interest of names," Mr Benyon said.

Some lawyers have also advised that a successful fraud case could nullify all claims under errors and omissions insurance. But Michael Deeny, chairman of the Gooda Walker Names Action Group, yesterday denied this was the case and called on the fraud office to pursue it.

"I am totally in favour of a SFO investigation," Mr Deeny said. "This is a massive regulatory failure. Lloyd's actively encouraged the use of time and distance policies, which led to the grossly misleading profit and loss accounts of Gooda Walker. This in turn lured 4,500 names to their financial ruin."

Names on the Gooda Walker syndicates include: Paul Marland, MP for Gloucestershire West; David Tredinnick, MP for Bosworth; Earl Ferrers, home office minister and deputy leader of the Lords; the Earl of Arran, a Northern Ireland minister in the Lords; Viscount Astor; Judge Dennis Levy and Judge Christopher Sumner. Mr Marland, whose Lloyd's losses are thought to be running as high as half a million, is also a member of the Gooda Walker action group.

The Gooda Walker syndicates are among Lloyd's heaviest loss-makers, with 290, 298, 299 and 164 reporting losses so far of 150 per cent, 100 per cent, 146 per cent and 99 per cent respectively.

But Gooda Walker's 387, a stop-loss syndicate, is now reporting the biggest loss in the 305-year history of Lloyd's. According to Chatset, a yearly results table for the troubled insurance market, 387 has lost 10,000 per cent to date. That means that anyone with a £10,000 commitment, the average for that syndicate, has lost £1 million.

Peter Nutting, a member of the Lloyd's Council, the Earl of

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Younger pleads for Rosyth's survival

BY JONATHAN PRYNN AND MARTIN WALLER

LORD Younger of Prestwick, a former defence secretary and Scottish secretary, has made a late appeal for the survival of the Rosyth dockyard, despite evidence that the vital contract to maintain Britain's Trident submarine fleet will go to Devonport, Plymouth.

In a letter to *The Times* published today, Lord Younger argues that there is a clear "financial and operational" case for maintaining the £120 million a year contract at the Firth of Forth yard.

A Cabinet decision on the contract is likely within a couple of weeks. The case for Devonport is thought to have been helped by the government's political problems in the South West. However, the government cannot afford to alienate voters in either part of the country and Lord Younger's intervention makes the decision more unpalatable.

His appeal may be in vain. Navy chiefs are believed to have backed the Devonport bid because of the Plymouth yard's easy access to the Atlantic. A meeting of senior submariners in northwest London on Friday was told of the navy's preference.

In his letter, Lord Younger said he could not support switching the contract to Plymouth because as a minister he had fought "long and hard" to keep Britain's nuclear submarine base at Faslane, on the Clyde. People in Scotland would feel "let down" if the submarine refitting work now went to an English yard.

The loss of the contract would spell almost certain doom for the 5,000 Rosyth workforce and would threaten a further 10,000 ancillary jobs. Lord Younger writes that he would "find it impossible to support such a move as my good faith would clearly be called into question."

The government has said Rosyth will remain open and some maintenance work on minesweepers and other ships is guaranteed, but this would be far short of enough work to keep the labour force together.

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Heads shout down Patten as he outlines training reform

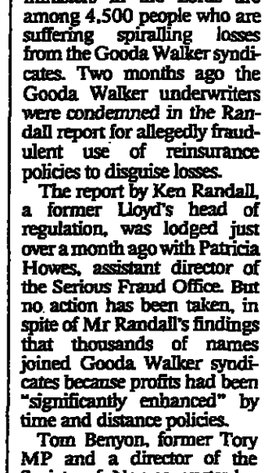
BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

ANGRY head teachers heckled and hissed John Patten, the education secretary, when he addressed their annual conference in Newcastle upon Tyne yesterday.

At one point, Mr Patten was shouted down and sections of his speech were greeted with derisive laughter, as bad feeling over testing boiled over. His reception was by far the most hostile he has encountered at the three union conferences he has addressed since the testing dispute began.

Yesterday's condemnation came as he set out the next chapter in the government's education reforms, saying that his aim is for all primary school teacher training to be based in schools rather than at universities. The strength of feeling demonstrated to Mr Patten that he will face a rough ride over its implementation.

The tone was set before Mr Patten began his speech to the National Association of Head Teachers. Pat Partington, the association's president, introducing the education secretary, accused him of adopting policies that were "wrong, unworkable and not properly thought out". There were cries of "rubbish" as Mr Patten urged the heads not to abandon testing because parents would be left in the dark about the performance of their schools. His preview of teacher training proposals to be announced next week was heckled persistently.



Mrs Partington, head of a Nottinghamshire primary school, told Mr Patten, as he finished his speech to a ripple of applause: "You may sense some hostility. I think there is some hostility. It is not a symptom of gratuitous offence or trade union dogma, but is based on a determination to defend and protect schools and children."

David Hart, the association's general secretary, said Mr Patten's reception was the most hostile faced by any education secretary attending the conference, although he denied that there had been discourtesy. "It was an opportunity to release pent-up feelings that have grown over a period of months."

Mr Patten said later he did not know why he had been given such a rough ride. "I do not think it would do education any good if we have head-

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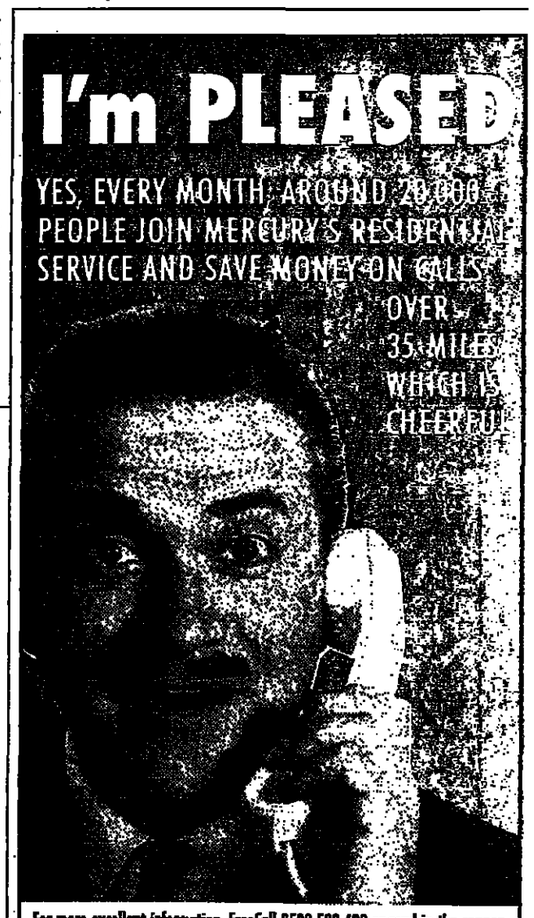

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Labour leadership split over struggle to curb union power

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

■ **Attempts to head off an embarrassing defeat for John Smith at the party conference have exposed a dangerous divide**

A SHADOW cabinet split over how John Smith should tackle growing union opposition is hampering his battle to reform Labour's links with the trade unions.

A clear division has appeared between senior party modernisers who believe Mr Smith should face down the union leaders and other key shadow cabinet members, notably Robin Cook, the shadow industry secretary, who are promoting a compromise.

Mr Smith's plans to introduce a one member one vote system for the selection of Labour's parliamentary candidates and party leadership elections appears to be heading for defeat at this year's party conference as one union conference after another gives them the thumbs-down.

The compromise move is being advanced to prevent the spectacle of Mr Smith being voted down by the big unions at only his second conference as leader. People opposing the compromise believe that the unions will in the end balk at such an electorally damaging prospect.

The situation is complicated by opposition from a handful of the party's elder MPs to Mr Smith's plan to allow trade unionists currently paying a levy to Labour to join the party at a reduced subscription, and to suspend the rule that would normally prevent them from voting until they have been members for 12 months. The idea is to allow them to vote in the next round of parliamentary selections in the autumn.

A few MPs from the old right and the old left have objected on what are seen by the modernisers as spurious grounds. Their alleged fear that they would lay themselves open to takeovers by union activists is laughed off by shadow cabinet sources, who say their real fear is that they would have less control over their local parties. One source said: "Some of these older guys who have no more than 100 members in their parties do not even like one member, one vote. It makes life more difficult for them and ends the cosy relationship they have."

Leading modernisers such as Tony Blair, shadow home secretary, Gordon Brown, shadow Chancellor, and most of the shadow cabinet still firmly back Mr Smith's so called "levy-plus" scheme, which will allow trade unionists participation in both contests if they take cut-price party membership.

But colleagues of Mr Cook were surprised on Sunday when he signalled his backing for a compromise which would allow trade unionists a continued say in leadership elections through a registered supporters' list, in return for giving up their role in candidate selection.

Mr Smith's promise to end the union role in leadership elections, handing the responsibility instead to MPs and party members, was one of his first pledges during his leadership campaign last July.

Some of his supporters say it would be impossible for him to back down on it. They are surprised, however, that Mr Cook, who was Mr Smith's campaign manager and regularly consults the Labour leader, decided to float the compromise along with Tom Sawyer, deputy general secretary of Nupe and a key union figure in the Labour leadership. It has led to the assumption that Mr Smith is happy to test the strength of feeling for a compromise.

Labour's supporters of one member, one vote would react furiously if Mr Smith gave way over leadership elections. There is substantial resentment within the shadow cabinet over John Edmonds, leader of the GMB general union, who has been seen as a moderniser but has opposed even the compromise plan.

Counsel of calm: Mr Patten urging heads yesterday not to abandon testing

Patten runs into storm of protest

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to-head confrontation. It would be bad for pupils, parents and policy-making." He attacked the heads for their opposition to league tables. "They want to turn the clock back to an educational dark age, where we don't have the right to know."

Mr Hart said Mr Patten appeared to have "mentally abandoned" this year's tests. Delegates later gave unanimous backing to a motion calling for next week's tests to be scrapped and the curriculum slimmed down. Gerry Wilson, the head of John Hanson School, in Andover, Hampshire, said: "Either Mr Patten starts to listen, or the whole edifice that has been constructed since the 1988 Education Reform Act will come crashing down so that far from endorsing or improving standards, it will undermine them."

The heads were also critical of Mr Patten's plans for a shake-up of primary teacher training. A new regime to be introduced next year will give schools a bigger role in the design and delivery of courses, and focus on the classroom skills. Students might take a wider range of subjects as a preparation for primary teaching, but those teaching the later years of primary education might specialise.

Doris Rivalland, who chairs the NAHT's teacher training panel, said that the system would produce "apprentices rather than thinking educationists". She detected a hidden agenda to shake the college and university education departments.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Stud farms isolated over new disease

Up to 40 stud farms in the Midlands have been quarantined after outbreaks of a sexually transmitted horse disease not previously seen in Britain. There is fear that the disease, known as equine viral arteritis, could spread rapidly because horses here have no natural immunity.

Representatives of leading organisations involved with horses are to hold an emergency meeting with agriculture ministry officials at the Jockey Club in London today to discuss the outbreak.

The highly contagious disease has been detected at four studs. The others have accepted voluntary isolation because their horses have been in contact with animals and semen from infected premises. Stallions can transmit the disease to mares in semen; infected mares can then pass the virus to other animals via the respiratory tract.

Fide warned on Short

The British Chess Federation will consider opposing Fide if the game's world governing body carries out a threat to strip Nigel Short of his official status for competing in *The Times* World Chess Championship in September. John Poole, the federation president, has made the promise in an open letter to members. Championship chess, page 7

Pits' fate sealed

Miners at two of British Coal's ten doomed pits have been told the collieries will close tomorrow with the loss of up to 1,200 jobs. The move follows approval by the High Court last week to shut the pits at Parkside, Lancashire, and Trentham, Staffordshire. The National Union of Mineworkers is considering legal action over redundancy packages.

Siamese operation hope

Two Italian boys who were born as Siamese twins are to fly to London in the hope that British surgeons can separate them. Mario and Beniamino Di Couza, aged seven months, are joined at the abdomen and share a liver. Surgeons from Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children recently flew to Naples to examine the pair and agreed to operate.

BA talks adjourned

The immediate threat of a strike by British Airways cabin and ground staff receded last night when talks were adjourned until today. Both sides said some progress had been made. Air services throughout Europe, however, may still be halted this summer as airline employees in most of the major carriers contemplate action to prevent wage cuts.

Mother Teresa rests

Mother Teresa, 83, last night delayed her journey from Dublin to Belfast to see children from one of the city's most deprived areas. An aide said the nun, who was yesterday awarded the freedom of the city of Dublin, did not "feel up to it" and was advised to rest. The 1979 Nobel peace prize winner last month broke three ribs during a visit to Rome.

Leakey in plane crash

Richard Leakey, the head of Kenya's wildlife service, was seriously injured yesterday when the plane he was flying crashed on take off at an airport on the edge of Nairobi. Four other people on board the light aircraft were also said to have been injured. Surgeons were last night operating on Dr Leakey, trying to stem internal bleeding.

Historic hunts could pay for Tory defeats

BY RACHEL KELLY

FOX and deer-hunting are likely to face bans in at least eight counties after the collapse of Conservative party control in last month's council elections.

Labour and Liberal Democrat councillors now in power in the shires of Warwick, Leicester, Hereford and Worcester, Hampshire, Devon, Somerset, Surrey and Wiltshire are expected to ban hunting later this year on about 30,000 acres of council farmland. Some of the country's most historic hunts, including the Beaufort in Wiltshire, the Quorn and the Belvoir in Leicestershire would be threatened.

John Bryant, of the League Against Cruel Sports, said: "We are being deluged by requests for information from new councillors. There is massive interest in outlawing hunts on council land."

Dennis Pettitt, chairman of the Association of County Council's Labour group, said he expected many of those councils which were now Labour or hung to ban fox-hunting. "We don't believe that people should harry animals to death."

Jackie Ballard, the Liberal Democrat deputy leader of Somerset County Council, said she would support a motion to ban deer-hunting on council land in Somerset. A ban could destroy at least one hunt in Somerset, because the council owns land on the Quantock hills which is integral to the hunt, Ms Ballard said.

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Names fear block on recovery of losses

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Carlisle and the Marquess of Zetland are all on syndicate 387, although the size of their losses is not known.

The Serious Fraud Office is understood to be reviewing the Randall report, but is now thought unlikely to pursue it.

Time and distance policies are a form of financial reinsurance by which fixed amounts are paid at a set date in return for premiums now. The difference between premiums and payments to be received many years hence can be treated as immediate profits in a syndicate's profit and loss account, thereby disguising losses and inflating profits.

"In the case of Gooda Walker, time and distance policies created opportunities for insiders to make profits at the expense of the external names," Mr Deeny said. "Even some insiders didn't know what was going on."

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Eight arrests in Skye clash

Eight people were arrested yesterday after groups of environmentalist clashed with construction workers building the £23 million toll bridge to Skye.

The demonstrators took to the water off Kyle of Lochalsh in inflatable dinghies to highlight the plight of the local otters, which, they believe, will be severely disrupted by the bridge work.

The bridge builders, the Miller-Dywidag consortium, were yesterday granted a temporary court order in Edinburgh banning the Skye Earth Action group from disrupting construction work.

A spokesman for Miller-Dywidag said yesterday that some disturbance of the otters would be inevitable but that under the terms of the Wildlife Act this disturbance was permissible. He added that any disruption to their habitat would be kept to a minimum.

The story of Syndicate 745

'There was no expectation that it could all go wrong'

BY ANGELA MACKAY

SEVEN MPs, one judge and at least two members of the House of Lords face hefty losses on Syndicate 745, the biggest lossmaker at Lloyd's in 1990 with a deficit of at least £110 million.

At worst, the loss could represent an average cost of about £68,000 to each name — a sharp decline from 745's healthy profits in 1986 and 1987 when names enjoyed returns of 18.7 per cent and 15 per cent respectively.

Syndicate 745 was extremely popular with working and non-working names when it was created in 1981 — a tribute to the reputation of David King, 62, a well-known underwriter with KPH Underwriting Agencies who had a long career in catastrophe reinsurance. Mr King retired last October to spend more time with his young family. Soon after, 745 stopped writing new business and its affairs are now run by KPH's Andrew Elliott.

Focusing on marine underwriting, 745 had some very productive years and at one stage had a waiting list of names wanting to become members. But a succession of disasters on top of a small loss in 1988 sent it reeling.

In 1989, 745 was hit by claims stemming from the Exxon Valdez oil spillage, Hurricane Hugo, a Phillips Petroleum refinery explosion, the Atlantic Richfield oil platform disaster, earthquakes in California and Australia and storms that swept Britain.

As a result, in 1989 the syndicate reported a loss of 53 per cent, which swelled to losses of 275 per cent in 1990. Syndicate 745 will report its results for 1990 this month, but that year has already been declared "open", meaning losses could still accumulate.

The ruinous chain of events in the catastrophe reinsurance market has sent the underwriting stars of the 1980s to the bottom of the league table.

Andrew Beasley, a Lloyd's underwriter, said that between 1981 and 1986 inclusive, there was only one disaster which cost insurers more than $1 billion. During the next six years, the cost of catastrophes climbed to $55 billion. "Nonetheless, we are still underwriting catastrophe business. However, the cost of doing so has risen accordingly," Mr Beasley added.

Last year, rumours circulated at Lloyd's that the losses at 745 would be much worse than expected. Lloyd's insiders said 745 did not take out enough "sideways" or reinstatement cover. That would mean the syndicate could not cater for more than one big loss at a time and could not recover from an unprecedented run of disasters. Such stories were discounted by the underwriters.

MPs exposed to the so-called excess of loss "spiral" at 745 include Sir Nicholas Lyell, Tristan Garel-Jones, James Arbuthnot, Henry Bellingham, Anthony Steen, David Tredinnick and Neil Thorne. Judge Malcolm Ward as well as Lord Bethell and Lord Denham are also names.

At its peak, 745 had 1,750 names, of which 22 per cent were working names. That ratio of working to non-working names is about double the norm and partially discounts the theory that working names save themselves first when a syndicate gets in trouble.

Like many other troubled syndicates, a DG King Action Group has been formed, chaired by Ted Benfield. The group plans to commission an investigation into 745's accounts to examine whether it was proper to close the 1989 year and whether the managing agents' October 1992 loss forecasts were valid.

One of the syndicate's names told *The Times* that it had paid very well when he first joined in 1985. "I got two bites of the cherry: a high return on the shares I had pledged to Lloyd's and also inflation plus 6 per cent from 745. I suppose I can't complain but when I joined in the mid-1980s there was no expectation that it could all go so wrong so quickly."

Names must have unencumbered assets of at least £250,000 — not including their main residence — and be nominated by two names including their managing agent. All prospective names must then go before a committee to judge whether they are fit and proper and are asked if they understand the concept of unlimited liability. Not surprisingly, most say they do.

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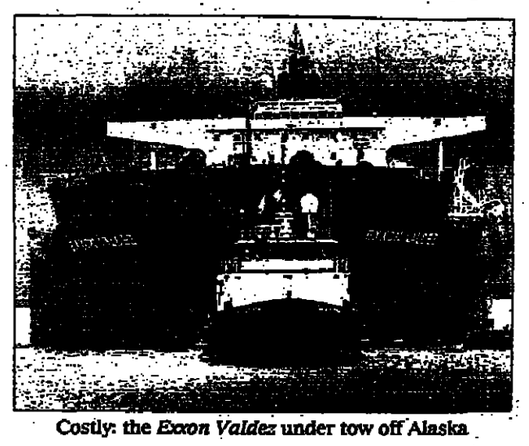

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Clark's wife says women destroyed his career

■ A BBC documentary will expose to public scrutiny the turbulent private life of the former defence minister

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

ALAN Clark, the colourful former defence minister whose diaries are serialised in *The Times* today, had his career "destroyed by women", his wife Jane claims in a documentary to be shown at the weekend.

The long-suffering wife, who was once driven to throwing an axe at her husband in protest at his many affairs, portrays Mr Clark as a habitual adulterer and says in the film that "women have been his problem".

Despite having been close to Margaret Thatcher during his turbulent nine-year ministerial career, Mr Clark was never promoted into the cabinet, in part because of his reputation as an adulterer.

The axe-throwing incident is one of many disclosed in an extraordinarily intimate television portrait of the political and sexual careers of Mr Clark to be screened on BBC2 on Sunday. The documentary, *Love Tory*, seems certain to bring yet more opprobrium on Mr Clark, 64, who has offended many strands of political opinion over the years. The most controversial sequence in the film suggests that a former girl friend, Christina, accompanied the couple on their honeymoon in Positano, Italy. Mr Clark has condemned that claim as "a prurient piece of gossip". However, it is confirmed in the film by Mrs Clark, who compares Christina favourably with the "rubbish" with whom her husband has been associated since the wedding in 1958. Mr Clark met his wife when she was 14 and married her two years later when he was 30.

> 'He is dreadful half the time. You do want to throttle him but the fact is I still love him'

In the documentary, Mrs Clark says of her husband: "The fact is he is impossible. He is absolutely dreadful half the time. You do want to throttle him, but the fact is I still love him."

When she picked up the axe to throw it, she meant to hit him "but when it left my hand I was quite glad my aim was very bad".

Mrs Clark walked out on her husband last year for two "incredibly boring" days because, she says, he was having an affair. "All girl friends are like bluebottles. This one was just a bit harder to swat," she says.

Mr Clark shows no remorse for his behaviour in the programme, claiming there is nothing wrong with government ministers who are married having affairs. 'I don't see anything scandalous about it. What is wrong with two human beings of the opposite sex feeling attracted to each other? I don't see how that can be a scandal."

However, his well known infidelities were regarded as dangerous enough to earn a warning from Sir Robert Armstrong, the cabinet secretary, that his private life could leave him open to blackmail.

Ministers such as Cecil Parkinson and David Mellor, who have been forced to resign over extra-marital affairs, "just handled it badly", Mr Clark told his interviewer, Michael Cockerell. "They allowed things to get into a ludicrous ooh-aah-gosh type situation. They sort of get off on the wrong foot because they sort of deny it."

Mr Clark, who was a minister in the employment, trade and defence departments, said sexuality had played an important part in his relationship with Lady Thatcher. "I think everybody flirted with her ... She liked that. I think she took it as her due that you should flirt with her."

Astonishingly frank observations on the 35-year Clark marriage from both partners pepper the 50-minute documentary. Mr Cockerell said after a press preview yesterday that Mrs Clark had needed no prompting to speak openly about her husband's affairs. Mr Cockerell said it was "an opportunity to put her side of the story after 35 years".

Mr Clark was not available for comment yesterday but was said to be "quite relaxed" about his portrayal in the film as an adulterer. In the film, Mr Clark is scathing of government attempts in the early 1980s to reduce unemployment through a series of training initiatives. The Department of Employment just "spends money on a lot of pretty wasteful, duplicatory schemes to take people off the register ... all of them phoney dodges to reduce the number of unemployed ... We were operating our own job creation scheme for ourselves."

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Togetherness: Alan and Jane Clark on the hustings

Home Secretary to review agreement after Britons run amok in Oslo

Into the fray: Oslo policemen wrestle with English soccer fans following a street battle in which a bar was wrecked and windows were smashed

BA will not fly deported fans home

BY JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Airways refused yesterday to deport from Norway the 73 English football supporters who have been jailed for fighting Oslo police and wrecking a bar, causing damage estimated at £100,000.

Almost 12 months after England followers ran amok at the European Championship in Sweden, police in London have evidence that a new generation of hooligans has succeeded those of the 1980s. They have already received reports of more troublemakers travelling to the United States, where England play in an international tournament later this month.

Norway has refused to prosecute the hooligans, who hurled bar stools and bottles through windows, smashed furniture and attacked the officers on Tuesday night. Instead, it will release most of them today to make their own way home. The British airline has refused to carry them, even though the Norwegian government reluctantly offered to pay the group's fares.

Supt Adrian Appleby, who heads the football unit of Britain's National Criminal Intelligence Service, said: "Some troublemakers have been deported from country after country and have never been convicted. They even buy single tickets for trips abroad because they know they will be deported later."

Michael Howard, the home secretary, said the government would be reviewing its bilateral agreement before the next important matches take place. "That would enable the courts to restrict troublemakers to this country when games are being played overseas." England has reciprocal arrangements only with Scotland, Italy and Sweden.

Details of the supporters arrested in Norway have been sent to London. Mr Appleby said that only about 25 per cent were already on the service's computer, which contains the names of 5,500 people who have been involved in incidents in Britain or abroad. Some are known to the unit but had been dropped from the computer because they had not been involved in violence recently.

"All we can do is to monitor people who are troublemakers," he said. "There seems to be no shortage of new recruits. Some grow old and retire and are replaced by new ones, while others return to their former ways."

Mr Appleby said that although disturbances could not always be predicted the Norwegians had been warned that problems were likely on this visit and were able to identify and turn away some troublemakers.

Oslo police were told that supporters were seeking revenge for an incident at a bar on Monday when an England follower was seriously hurt by bouncers, who beat him with baseball bats.

Oslo police said a large number of England supporters gathered to attack the bar. When officers tried to arrest one man the rest of the English hooligans charged to his rescue, hurling bottles and glasses.

A different interpretation came from John Birmingham, an English disc jockey in another bar where the mob gathered. He said: "Overpolicing and provocation led to this trouble. It did not have to happen. They dragged people out and made them lie in the street, even innocent people like me."

Over and out: police deport an England supporter

Staff 'cut tyres' to boost sales

BY A STAFF REPORTER

STAFF at some branches of the tyre and exhaust fitters Kwik-Fit slashed customers tyres and sold them replacements, it was alleged at an industrial tribunal yesterday.

The claim was made by a witness for Robert Young, 40, former manager at the Fulham branch, who claims he was racially discriminated against by the firm, before being sacked a year ago. Ron Gould, 36, giving evidence on behalf of Mr Young, said he too was the victim of racism when he managed the Colindale branch until February this year, when he was fired.

Mr Gould said he was threatened with transfer to Golders Green, a smaller branch, where on commission he would have earned less money. "The only way that sales in a shop like that can be boosted is when staff act illegally.

"In some smaller garages staff slash customer's tyres with a Stanley knife, then sell them new ones." The hearing continues today.

Gang drove mother from home

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A YOUNG mother has gone into hiding, driven from her council house by 30 teenage vandals ten days after moving in, a court was told yesterday.

In the final assault Terry Leonard, 24, was trapped inside the building for three hours with the youths as they systematically wrecked it, her escape blocked after they cut off the front and back door handles. The house, on the notorious Ragworth estate at Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland, had every window broken, holes smashed in walls and ceilings and piping ripped out, flooding the house.

Only two of the gang have been indentified and one of them, aged 14, was given a two-year conditional discharge at youth court after admitting criminal damage.

People on the Ragworth estate said Mrs Leonard was a victim of behaviour frequently seen on tough council estates, where newcomers are regarded as outsiders and subjected to a form of testing by teenage gangs.

Escaped gangster shot dead in pub

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

JAMES Moody, the gangster at the top of Scotland Yard's wanted list since he broke out of prison in 1980 with the IRA terrorist Gerard Tuite, has been shot dead in a London pub.

Moody, 52, a muscle-bound keep-fit fanatic and member of the infamous Richardson torture gang, was shot four times in the chest by a contract killer as he drank in the Royal Hotel, Hackney, east London.

His killer, aged about 40 and 6ft tall, walked into the pub and ordered a drink before gunning him down and escaping in a stolen white Ford Fiesta, which was later found abandoned nearby.

The former scrap metal dealer was one of three men to be shot in the capital on Monday night. A Portuguese restaurant worker allegedly shot and severely wounded Diego Luis Madronero, manager of the Villa Capri restaurant in Marylebone, west London, then went to Soho where witnesses said he shot a second man in a public house before being overpowered and arrested.

The shootings followed a weekend of violence in which two suspected drug dealers were shot dead in south London.

Detectives, led by Det Supt Harry Wilkins of the east London area major investigation squad, will want to find out how Moody had blended back into underworld society 13 years after his escape from Brixton prison without being shopped or recognised by police, and how he made his living.

Det Supt Wilkins said last night: "These are questions that are going to be asked and asked. I shouldn't have thought that a man like that has been making an honest living." A former Flying Squad source said Moody could have made a living from contract killings because he was "mad and violent enough".

Detectives are expected to reopen the books on a number of contract killings. He was certainly linked with the murder of David Brindle, 23, killed in south London two years ago, possibly in a revenge shooting.

Another senior officer said: "I am staggered Jim Moody is dead. He has not been heard of since the day he escaped from prison. He would have been number one on the Flying Squad's list of wanted men."

He was on remand awaiting trial for three armed robberies which had netted more than £930,000 when he, Gerard Tuite, who was then 25, and another man burrowed out of the prison by digging through cell walls with tools smuggled into the jail in a sock.

Tuite led a mainland IRA bombing gang between April 1978 and February 1979 which planted 16 bombs in London, Bristol, Southampton, Coventry and Manchester and left a £3.5 million trail of damage.

Moody: disappeared into the underworld

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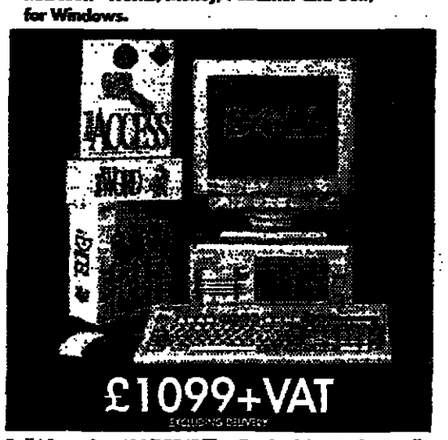

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Bridgewater trial foreman says guilty verdict was wrong

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE foreman of the jury which unanimously found four men guilty of the murder of Carl Bridgewater in 1979 said yesterday he now believed they were innocent.

Supporters of the convicted men urged the home secretary to review all the papers connected with the case following the admission by Tim O'Malley.

Mr O'Malley, the foreman of the jury, said on ITN's *Lunchtime News*: "At the time I thought we had done the right thing. Now I feel completely convinced they are innocent and there has been a terrible miscarriage of justice which must be put right for those men and for British justice itself."

Last night James Nichol, solicitor for the three surviving men, said Michael Howard, the home secretary, should review all the papers studied by Kenneth Clarke before he refused in February to refer the case to the Court of Appeal for a second review. Mr Nichol said: "It takes some courage to come forward after all these years. I don't think it is an easy thing that Mr O'Malley has done. This must have weighed heavily upon him all this time".

Carl Bridgewater, 13, was shot dead at Yew Tree Farm, Wordsley, West Midlands, in September 1978, after interrupting a burglary. Four men, Jimmy Robinson, Michael and Vincent Hickey, and Pat Molloy, who has since died in prison, were jailed for life at Stafford Crown Court. They and their families have consistently maintained their innocence.

Mr O'Malley's intervention comes days after it was disclosed that the forensic psychologist commissioned by police officers investigating the convictions concluded that a confession by Patrick Molloy, in which he implicated the three others, was a concoction. The confession, which Molloy always maintained was false, was at the centre of the case.

At the trial the jury was told categorically that Molloy's alleged confession should not be taken as evidence against the other three men.

Mr O'Malley said the confession, a copy of which which was given to each juror, was "absolutely crucial".

He said they were told very clearly it was not evidence, but added that it was impossible to ignore it.

Mr O'Malley wrote to Mr. Clarke last September telling him of his fears. He received a "very short and to the point" reply saying his comments would be considered.

He said: "Because the judicial system seems to be incapable of arriving at the right conclusion now, given all the new evidence, I feel it is my duty to come forward and speak out and say quite clearly and categorically that I think these men are innocent."

MICHAEL POWELL

Best of the crop: Anne-Marie Ellis's riding suit on show for Graduate Fashion Week at the Business Design Centre, Islington, north London

US intelligence keeps mum over its CrossRail protest

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR American intelligence personnel could be called before a Commons select committee to explain why their government is objecting to the £2.5 billion CrossRail project, designed to improve transport in London by boring a six-mile tunnel from east to west.

The nature of the American embassy's objection to the plan had been as unclear as the proposed line, which could create more than 20,000 jobs. The line would appear to avoid the embassy in Grosvenor Square by a comfortable distance. But yesterday, Mike Smith, the CrossRail project director, revealed the objections could be because of the proximity of the line to a US-owned property at the back of Grosvenor Street, which houses sensitive communications equipment.

Mr Smith admitted that attempts to discover exactly what was housed in the unidentified building had proved fruitless. It is assumed that communications experts based at the US embassy fear that large scale tunnelling operations could disrupt a vital part of their world wide communications network.

A spokesman for the embassy conceded that the US Navy might own some property in the area. He said: "Our objection is pro-forma and routine. We are advised that it could possibly affect us so we have lodged an objection. Without an address, I cannot help you on specific details."

However, in his book *The Unsinkable Aircraft Carrier*, Duncan Campbell says: "After the National Security Agency was set up in 1952, the United States sent a senior liaison officer to London to set up a Special US Liaison Office (SUSLO) and communications centre beside the US naval headquarters in Grosvenor Square."

Apart from the clash with American security officials, CrossRail faces a stormy passage through its committee stage after it receives its second reading in the Commons next week. Despite being heavily supported by business leaders, who used their influence to force John Major's commitment to the scheme, the project also has many opponents.

The rich, the powerful, the great and the good all want the scheme but not, thank you, under their backyards. Of more than 300 objectors, ranging from Sir Michael Clapham, chairman of the Residents Association of Mayfair, to Claridge's hotel, only a dozen or so have dropped their intention of opposing the scheme.

Mr Smith said yesterday that an unprecedented effort was being made to satisfy their fears and concerns. This involves the use of state of the art tunnelling technology to ensure, for example, that any dramatic moment on the stage of a London theatre which calls for a pregnant silence will not be interrupted.

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Computer designs powerful flu drug

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

POWERFUL new drugs for treating flu may soon be available, scientists from Australia and from Glaxo Group Research announce today.

They have used computers to design two compounds that inhibit the growth of the flu virus in test-tubes and in animals. Trials on human patients have not yet begun.

Designing drugs or vaccines against flu has always been difficult because the virus can change its appearance to elude attack. Reporting in *Nature*, the Anglo-Australian team say they have concentrated on one part of the virus coat that appears to be fixed and is common to all varieties of flu, an enzyme called sialidase.

The enzyme is believed to be vital both in the production of fresh virus particles from infected cells, and in helping the virus move through the respiratory tract. Blocking it would disable the virus.

The team built a computer model of the structure and used it to design a substance that would fill the active site of the enzyme. The starting point was an existing compound, a derivative of sialic acid which was known to block the enzyme's action moderately well. Using computer graphics, the scientists modified this by replacing one chemical group with others. The result was two compounds up to 10,000 times as effective in blocking the action of the enzyme.

Tested against the flu virus in tissue cultures and in experiments with mice and ferrets, the compound, known as GR 121167X, proved the most potent inhibitor of flu virus yet discovered. It is 1,000 times as effective as the existing flu drug, amantadine.

Glaxo said yesterday that the next step would be to set up a trial in which the compounds were tested for toxicity in healthy volunteers. Then the drug could be tested in flu patients in a full-scale clinical trial.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sterling boost for tourism

Overseas visitors spent a record £1.5 billion in Britain in the first quarter of 1993, a 13 per cent increase on 1992.

Last year's devaluation of sterling also increased the number of tourists during the period by 8 per cent, to 3.6 million.

The International Passenger Survey revealed that tourists from western Europe showed the biggest increase, of 12 per cent, while the number of North American visitors fell by 6 per cent to 600,000.

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Bail refused

Nessan Quinlivan, 28, who escaped from Brixton jail while awaiting trial in July 1991, was refused bail in Dublin High Court after Mr Justice Geoghegan said there was "a real possibility" he might flee. He faces a firearms charge in Ireland.

Holiday illness

More than 300 people were sent home and 600 have been told not to turn up at Pontins holiday village in Sand Bay, Avon, after a stomach infection made 200 holidaymakers ill. A carrier is believed to have introduced the virus.

Dragging cars

Dozens of dumped stolen cars and two articulated lorries are among 54 obstructions which will have to be dragged from the Tyne before 100 tall ships arrive in Newcastle next month.

Feeding ban

Holidaymakers are to be warned not to feed gulls at St Ives, Cornwall, after complaints that the birds were snatching food along the sea front.

Buzzard attack

A buzzard attacked and chased Darren Greening, 22, as he cycled along a lane at Peniel, Dyfed.

Alien stalks saleroom

THE skeletal monster that battled with Sigourney Weaver in the science fiction film *Alien* is one of the highlights of an auction of movie memorabilia at Sotheby's, London, next week (John Shaw writes).

The 11ft high, 20ft long fibre-glass alien, which carries a £18,000-£25,000 estimate, is one of five built under licence by Nick Harrison, 30, a special-effects designer, and Bruce Hansing, 28, a sculptor. The original model was constructed within a week of being ordered by 20th Century Fox by a team of ten film technicians and friends working round the clock.

The likely destination for the model is a discotheque, a theme park or a restaurant chain, such as Planet Hollywood.

Other film props and memorabilia included in the sale next Tuesday include 66 Greta Garbo letters (£20,000-£30,000 estimate), the machinegun from James Bond's Aston Martin in *Goldfinger*, (£4,500-£4,800), and Harrison Ford's leather bullwhip from *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom*, (£4,500-£4,800).

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Pressure grows for controls on crime surveillance TVs

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE huge growth in the use of surveillance cameras in city and town centres is bringing pressure from councillors and the security industry to regulate access to their material.

Councillors in Birmingham have ordered a study of the legal implications of installing extra closed-circuit television cameras, and the private security industry has predicted that the government would introduce statutory controls on surveillance equipment.

A spokesman for the British Security Industry Association said: "The publicity surrounding use of surveillance cameras in the case of James Bulger is likely to lead to moves for regulation to ensure that use of the tapes in strictly regulated. It is becoming inevitable".

Closed-circuit television has grown sharply in the past few years, with more and more local authorities seeing installation as an important weapon in the battle against crime.

Despite the worries of civil liberties groups and some Labour councillors, video surveillance turnover has soared from £27 million in 1986 to £70 million in 1991.

While the police and business community have hailed "big brother" as the citizen's best friends, some councillors in Birmingham have expressed reservations about plans for the installation of a further 16 cameras in the city. The city's planning committee will discuss the matter next week but the council's legal officers have been asked to look at the consequences for civil liberties.

Andrew Puddephat, of Liberty, said yesterday: "We are unhappy at the unregulated spread of surveillance equipment. It is time for the government to introduce some rules about how long the tapes can be kept, who has access to them and who can use them."

But the Home Office's own crime prevention unit conducted research on 125 closed-circuit television installations in public places and found that there had only been two queries.

Surveillance cameras have been installed recently in King's Lynn, Norfolk, Airdrie in Scotland, and Newcastle upon Tyne. In King's Lynn the council says car crime has dropped by 91 per cent and theft from vehicles by 97 per cent. Bournemouth, which has installed 103 cameras since 1985, has infra-red cameras on cliff walks leading to the beach, enabling night-time surveillance.

In Newcastle, a 16-camera £300,000 system was installed last December at key points. In the city centre sub-division, between January and the end of May, there were 938 fewer reported crimes than in the same period in 1992. Between January and the end of April assaults and wounding was down 20 per cent, and burglary at commercial premises dropped 16 per cent.

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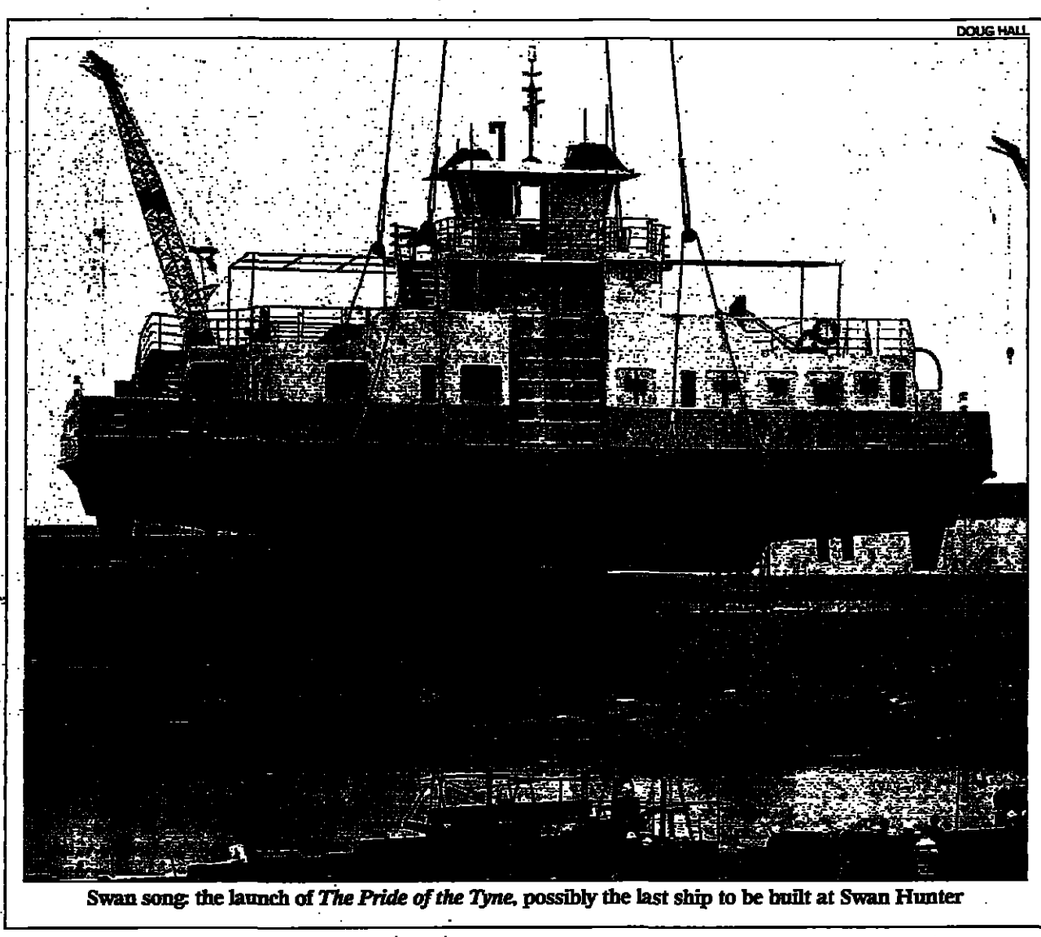

Swan song: the launch of *The Pride of the Tyne*, possibly the last ship to be built at Swan Hunter

Tyneside MP raises VSEL deal

BY PAUL WILKINSON

THE Tyne yesterday saw the launch of possibly the last ship to be built there. Spending auditors have been asked to look into a deal between the government and the shipbuilders whose tender for a helicopter carrier undercut Swan Hunter's by £50 million. The loss of the order to VSEL in Barrow pushed the company into receivership.

The ship's name, *The Pride of the Tyne*, did not hide the anger and despondency of those in the industry. There was no ceremony and the 75 ft ship was merely swung by crane and placed in the river.

Stephen Byers, Labour MP for Wallsend, wants an enquiry into claims that VSEL was able to undercut Swan Hunter because it escaped paying the government £40 million due under a deal made when VSEL took over Cammell Laird shipyard on Merseyside. He has written to the National Audit Office, which is examining the tendering process for the Commons defence select committee.

County tennis junior dies in joy ride

BY NICHOLAS WATT

ONE of Britain's promising young tennis players was killed instantly when the car he was illicitly driving careered out of control down a bank and smashed into trees.

Richard Montague-Smith, 15, from Cowley, near Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, who had played for his county, died when the car skidded a mile from his family's home.

Richard, who was a former pupil at Cheltenham College and tipped for a bright career on the tennis circuit, took the family car on Friday night while his parents were away on holiday in the United States. Police witheld his identity while they contacted his parents, who were visiting the Bollettieri Tennis Academy in Florida.

Adrian and Vivienne Montague-Smith were said to be "absolutely devastated" yesterday. Gill Moore, a family friend, said: "The family are terribly distressed about this. Richard was a lovely lad, everyone liked him.

"He was a very good tennis player. Tennis ran in the family. His father Adrian played doubles for Gloucestershire and Viv is a keen player. They are absolutely devasted. Richard was a very bright boy and very much loved."

The Montague-Smiths are one of Gloucestershire's leading tennis families. Mr Montague-Smith is treasurer of the county's Lawn Tennis Association while his wife is secretary of the association's junior committee.

They were visiting the Bollettieri academy for the graduation of their 17-year-old son, Tim, when they learnt of Richard's death. Their eldest son, Gareth, 19, is the current Gloucestershire junior tennis champion.

Richard was following in his brother's footsteps and had represented Gloucestershire at junior level in 12-and-under games. He recently returned to the game after a break.

£18bn cost of nuclear break-up 'too low'

BY NICK NUTTALL
TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A REPORT calculating the costs of decommissioning Britain's nuclear industry at £18 billion was attacked yesterday for ignoring uncertainties over the disposal of radioactive waste and the dismantling of reactors, which are likely to make the costs much higher.

The National Audit Commission report, to be published tomorrow, is to be debated by the public accounts committee on June 30, and comes in advance of the government's own review of the nuclear industry expected later in the year.

But Gordon MacKerron, of the Science Policy Unit at the University of Sussex and an adviser to the commission, said the estimates were based on submissions from the nuclear industry. He said the report fails to address uncertainties of the costs of mothballing and eventually breaking up ageing reactors, which are untried. It also ignores the technical difficulties of the respository for intermediate waste planned at Sellafield.

Mr MacKerron, a nuclear policy expert, said that safety regulations covering nuclear waste disposal were also likely to become increasingly costly over the coming decades.

Nuclear Electric, the operator of eight Magnox and five advanced gas-cooled reactors in England and Wales, are expected to welcome the Audit Commission report. It puts the cost of decommissioning its stations at around £7 billion.

The nuclear electric spokesman said that with £2.5 billion invested in the bank or in new nuclear power stations, the commission's estimated costs could be covered, assuming that decommissioning took place over at least 100 years.

Pat Green, a spokesman for Friends of the Earth, said it estimated that the decommissioning costs could be as high as £30 billion.

Old Bags rally round a woman scorned

BY A STAFF REPORTER

LADY Sarah Graham-Moon has been inundated with enquiries from women wanting to join her Old Bags Club for abandoned wives.

It was Lady Graham-Moon who took revenge on her cheating husband, Sir Peter Graham-Moon, by chopping the arms off his Savile Row suits, tipping six litres of white paint over his car and delivering his cellar of vintage wine to neighbours in the Berkshire village where they lived.

Her story will be told in a four-part BBC2 series, *Adultery*, which explores why men and women take other partners. The series, to be screened later this month, shows people from broken relationships explaining why they succumbed to temptation elsewhere.

Lady Graham-Moon, 55, said: "If I'd had a gun, I would have killed him. I would have exposed him as a big fat sham," she said. "I have decided to stop pursuing him for maintenance because half of nothing is still nothing." She set up the Old Bags Club after she became the "proxy hit woman for women everywhere, and now the phone never stops ringing."

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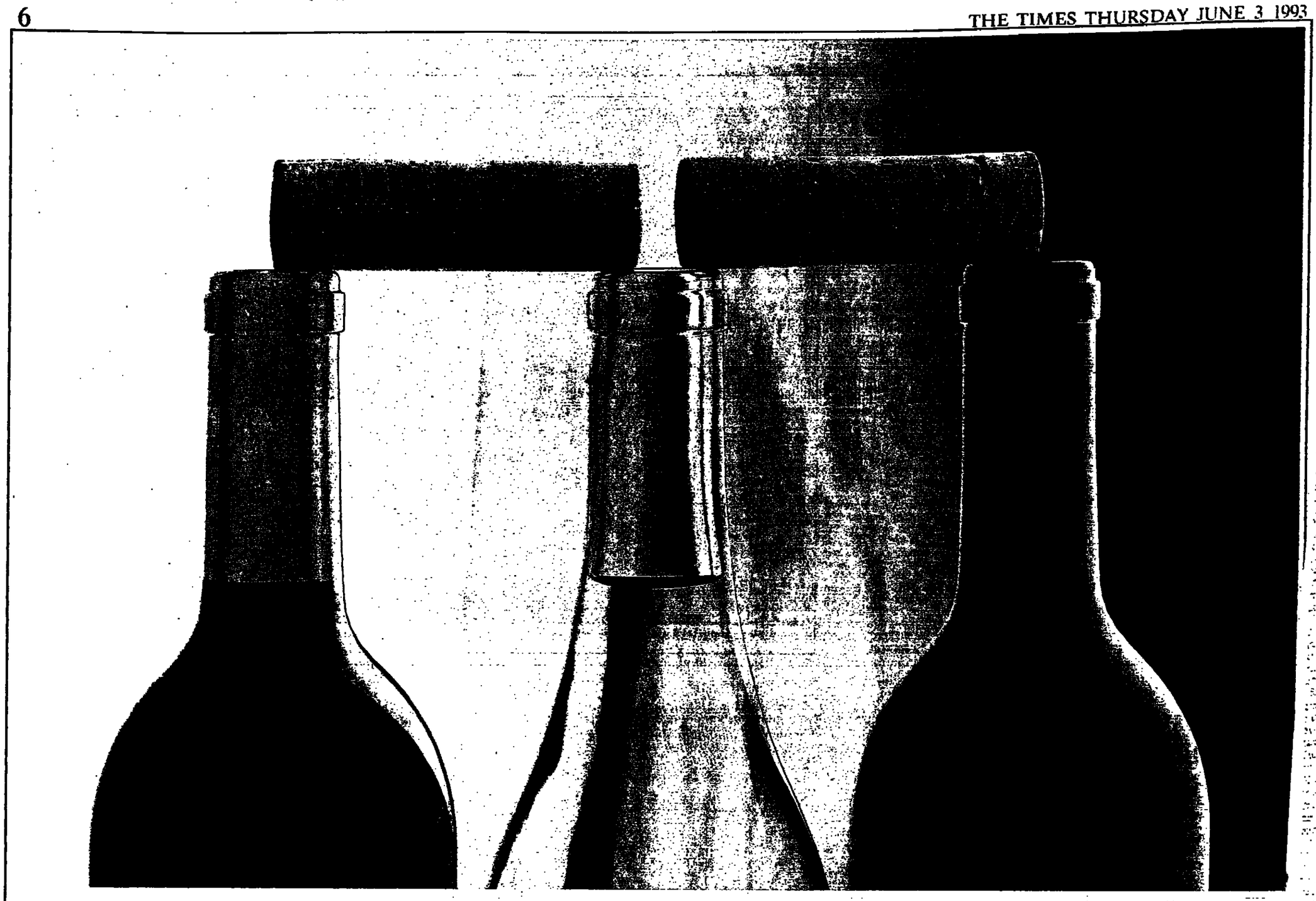

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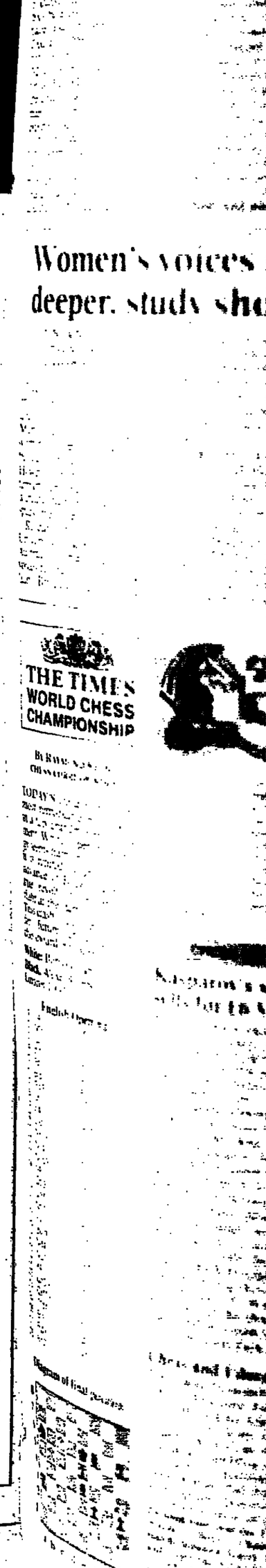

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Trial of new drug gives hope to MS sufferers

By Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor

The first drug to demonstrate effectiveness against multiple sclerosis could begin a trial with patients in Britain early next year. MS affects one in 1,000 people — about 60,000 in Britain.

In American trials, Betaseron has demonstrated the ability to reduce the number of relapses suffered by MS patients. Ian McDonald, professor of clinical neurology at the Institute of Neurology at the National Hospital in London, hailed the result as exciting, saying: "It's the first treatment ever that works." He now plans to recruit British patients for a trial of the drug in the progressive form of the disease.

The Multiple Sclerosis Society this week announced a grant of £1.6 million to Professor McDonald for improved magnetic imaging equipment to monitor the clinical trials.

Betaseron, a genetically-engineered version of a protein produced naturally by the body, beta-interferon, recently passed a key test when the US Food and Drug Administration's expert committee voted 7-2 to recommend approval for use. Full FDA approval for the drug, made by the German company Schering, is expected soon.

In one trial, 372 MS patients were divided into three groups. One group was administered a placebo, the second a low dose of Betaseron and the third a high dose. The results showed that the patients on the drug suffered relapses only a third as often as the controls. "Some relapses do still occur," said Professor McDonald, "but the reduction is highly significant. This should make a difference to the long-term course of the disease."

When magnetic resonance imaging was used to trace changes in the brain, the improvement brought about by Betaseron was even more apparent. Professor McDonald said: "No long-term difference was seen between treated and control groups, but we said that in a disease with as long and slow a course as MS, this was not surprising."

The early course of the disease is usually marked by a series of relapses and remissions. The trial will be aimed at the less common progressive form of the disease, which generally follows the relapsing stage but which, in about 40 per cent of patients, may occur from the beginning.

The advent of magnetic imaging has made trials much quicker. Instead of waiting several years to see if the effects of treatment, monthly brain scans enable conclusions to be drawn in six months. Professor McDonald has already set up a trial of another potential therapy, using antibodies to try to control the immune response.

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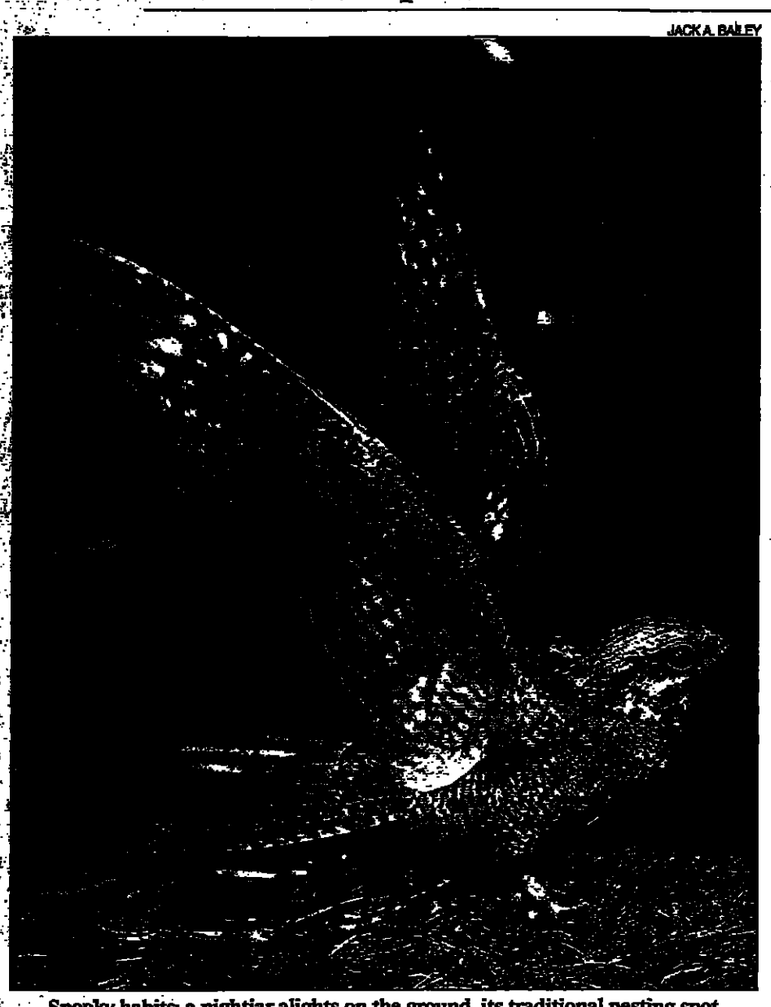
Tale of two species: habitat changes are key to wildlife survival



JACK A. BAILEY

Spooky habits: a nightjar alights on the ground, its traditional nesting spot

Rural trends save nightjars as bats spark canal dispute

By Michael Hornsby

THE nightjar and the Natterer's bat are by no means bedfellows, but their fate is linked by wildlife's ability to adapt to the vagaries of development and decay in the countryside.

Nightjars, those summer visitors of spooky habits and ancient lineage, are making a comeback after a century of decline because, researchers believe, of the retreat of intensive agriculture and the creation of woodland clearings caused by storms or the felling of mature trees.

The globally endangered Natterer's bats, on the other hand, which have made a haven from a decayed 18th-century canal tunnel near Basingstoke, Hampshire, are being threatened by plans to restore and reopen the canal.

The British Trust for Ornithology says nightjars seem to owe their recovery to their skill at adapting to agricultural change and exploiting natural events such as the hurricane of October, 1987.

A survey last summer recorded seeing or hearing 3,090 male nightjars, a 73 per cent increase on a survey in 1981.

As their evocative name suggests, the birds are active only at night and their presence detectable mainly by the distinctive, churring call of the male, which has been likened to the distant purr of a two-stroke motorcycle.

The Romans called the nightjar *caprimulgus*, the goat-milker, and the species seen here is officially listed as *Caprimulgus europaeus*. Country folk still use the name goat-sucker among many others, including eve-jar, jar-owl, puck bird, fitch fowl and moth hawk.

The fate of that other denizen of the night, the Natterer's bat roosting in the Greywell tunnel is linked to the outcome of a passionate battle between wildlife conservationists and ancient-monument enthusiasts.

The Surrey and Hampshire Canal Society wants to re-open the tunnel, which carries the Basingstoke Canal for two thirds of a mile through a hill between Odiham and Up Nately, to boats and canoes. English Nature says the scheme would fatally disrupt the bat colony.

Natterer's bat: under threat worldwide

Up to 12,500 bats are estimated to hibernate in the tunnel between September and May each year. Bob Stebbings, Britain's leading bat authority, said yesterday: "By far the majority are Natterer's bats, a species that is widely but very thinly distributed in Europe and Asia. England may well hold the key to their survival."

Dr Stebbings is the author of a report to be published by English Nature next month that recommends that Hampshire County Council, the owner of the tunnel, should oppose the restoration.

Peter Redway, vice-chairman of the canal society, said: "We believe it would be possible to establish an alternative haven for the bats by creating an outlet to an old chalk quarry lying within 50 yards of the tunnel. We could also limit boating to the summer months and perhaps have doors to close the tunnel during winter to preserve the cave-like atmosphere."

Women's voices get deeper, study shows

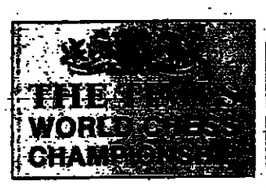
By Nick Nuttall
Technology Correspondent

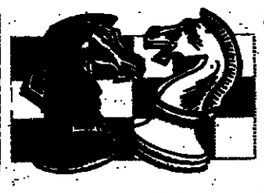
THE female voice is becoming deeper and more masculine, according to scientists. More than 40 years ago women's voices were likely to be high, lilting and feminine. However, their modern counterparts are closer to men, with a greater number of lower, less sparkling, tones.

Researchers at Flinders University in Adelaide, South Australia, computer-analysed voices recorded by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation after the second world war and those of modern women. Today's women were from the same social group, aged from 18 to 20, and repeated the same phrases for the computer, which displays frequencies in speech.

Linda Penny, a member of the team, said the computer showed that young women today have a lower fundamental note to voices of women 45 to 50 years ago.

The increasingly masculine tone of the female voice is ascribed to social factors and the rise of the feminist movement, researchers said.





By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

TODAY'S game is one of the most remarkable ever played in a top grandmaster tournament. White's opening strategy seems harmless enough but it is refuted by an amazing advance of Black's pawns, a true revolt of the peasants right at the start of the game. This clash is a collector's piece for future anthologies of chessboard curiosities.

White: Boris Gelfand
Black: Alexei Shirov
Linares 1993

English Opening

1	c4	e6
2	Nf3	d5
3	g3	c6
4	b3	a5
5	Bb2	a4
6	Bg2	a3
7	Bc3	b5
8	c5	Nf6
9	b4	Ne4
10	0-0	Nxc3
11	Nxc3	d4
12	Ne4	f5
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14	h4	Bf6
15	Qb3	Qd5
16	Qb1	h6
17	Nh3	e5
18	e3	dxe3
19	dxe3	Ra4
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21	Nc2	0-0
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24	Qxf7+	Rxf7
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30	Rxd3	Be8
31	Rd6	Kf7
32	Bxb5	cxb5
33	Rb6	Na5
34	c6	Bxa2
35	Rxb5	Bb1
36	Rb7+	Ke6
37	Nxe3	Rxe3
38	b5	Bxe4
39	Re7	gxh3

White resigns

Diagram of final position

Kasparov's set sells for £6,500

A CHESS set of exotic woods, designed by Garry Kasparov, and made for Guigou of Paris, was sold for £6,500 at a charity auction on Tuesday in aid of the Prince's Trust.

The world champion's set breaks away from the traditional shapes and sizes for pieces. Kasparov has given them each a character which he feels is more in keeping with their importance — the knight is more detailed and the rook taller and more imposing than is usual.

The set's sale helped the total of £49,400 collected during the evening, during which the Prince of Wales met Kasparov at the charity banquet, held on Smith's Lawn in Windsor Great Park.

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Today sees the launch of a new book, *Chess and Education*, by Grandmaster David Norwood. £5.00 from Gresham College. As well as the recreational and sporting aspects of the game, Grandmaster Norwood argues that there is an unrecognised potential in the educational value of chess.

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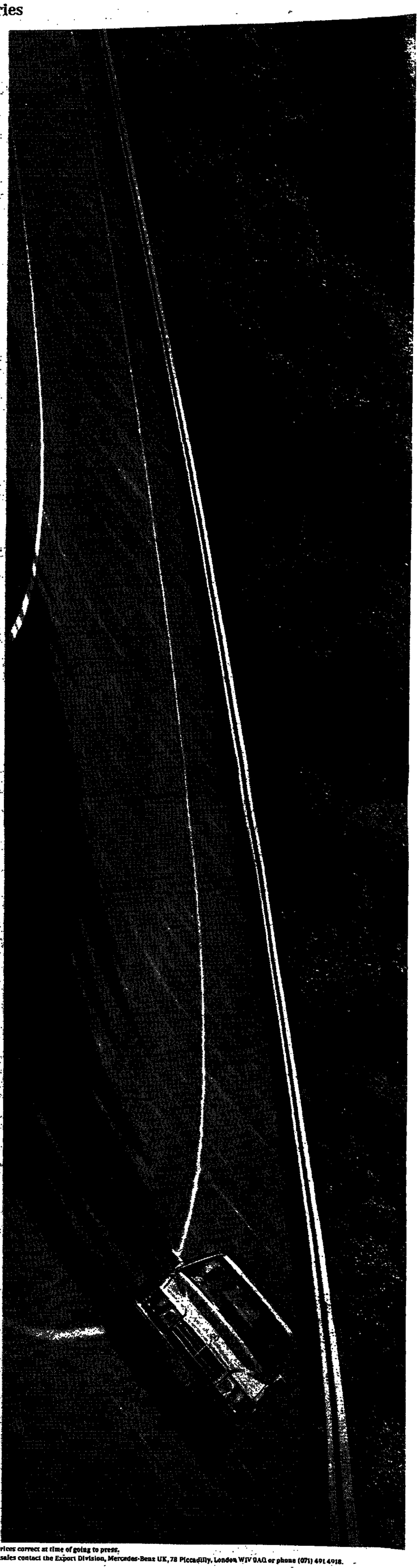

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Children's likes and dislikes dictate the family shopping list

BY ROBIN YOUNG

■ Britain's youngsters are becoming increasingly choosy about their food — and are growing up to be a nation of snackers

CHILDREN dictate how more than £1.75 billion a year is spent on their top ten favourite foods, according to a report published today.

In addition, children have £1.4 billion to spend themselves, those who are given pocket money receiving an average £2.61 a week. More than two-fifths of the pocket money is thought to go on crisps, sweets and ice cream.

The report, produced by the Henley Centre for Asda, the supermarket chain, says that children's favourite foods have proved largely recession proof. It estimates, from applying American research to British food expenditure figures, that children account for as much as £1,278 million a year spent on chocolate, chicken, pizza, ice cream and chips.

Foods which children claim to dislike are under-represented in family shopping. Green vegetables, brown bread and salads, for which many children register distate, are bought markedly less by families with children than would be expected from national average household expenditure figures.

The Henley Centre questioned parents and children about the influence on food purchases of 940 children aged between five and 15 chosen as a representative sample. The report concludes that more than half of the children were "very choosy" about what they would eat.

Almost three-quarters enjoyed trying out new types of food, but more than a third were reluctant to eat healthy foods and almost two-fifths did not eat the same food as their parents.

Almost two-thirds preferred eating snacks to main meals; two-fifths of the parents thought their children were strongly influenced by food advertising and packaging.

Almost half the children had a strong influence on the type of food their parents bought, and more than two-fifths usually accompanied their parents to the supermarket. A fifth of the children were worried about their weight, and one in 25 was a vegetarian.

The researchers analysed the responses and identified five groups of children with different attitudes and patterns of behaviour.

They were the fussy eaters, mostly under ten, who refused new types of food and were firmly fixed on favourites (almost 20 per cent); strong-willed influencers, either under eight or older girls, vegetarians or conscious of their weight (8 per cent); those heavily influenced by food advertisements and packaging (over 25%); an older group interested mainly in junk food (15 per cent); and those not fussy about food, happy to eat the same as their parents (under 33 per cent).

The forecasters expect spending on food to continue to grow slowly in real terms over the next five years, rising from an average of £12.93 per person per week to £13.70 — at 1992 prices — in 1998.

THE INFLUENCE OF CHILDREN ON FOOD SHOPPING

	Food	Total market value 1990	Influence of child	Sales influenced by children
1	Chocolate	£2,554m	33%	£843m
2	Chicken	£1,557m	10%	£156m
3	Pizza	£152m	40%	£61m
4	Ice cream/mousse	£354m	28%	£81m
5	Chips	£391m	35%	£137m
6	Hamburgers	£150m	35%	£53m
7	Fruit (apples, bananas, oranges)	£1142	6%	£69m
8	Beef	£1,858	10%	£186m
9	Sausages	£441	15%	£66m
10	Crisps	£450m	25%	£113m

Source: ASDA/Henley Centre

SIMON WALKER

First view: *The Holy Family with the Infant John the Baptist* goes on display at Agnew's gallery in London

$12m Rubens makes its public debut

BY ROBIN YOUNG

AN OLD Master for sale at $12 million (£7.7 million) is in London on public display for the first time since it was painted in the early 17th century. *The Holy Family with the Infant John the Baptist*, by Sir Peter Paul Rubens, is the centre piece of an exhibition within the Agnew's gallery summer exhibition.

The painting is believed to be an extremely rare example of a large scale religious composition dating from Rubens' maturity, which the artist painted entirely himself.

No picture of comparable importance by Rubens is known to have been sold since the late 1970s, when the Metropolitan Museum in New York is believed to have paid $4 million for a picture from the Rothschild collections.

The Holy Family with the Infant John the Baptist was probably painted between 1626 and 1628, and was in the collection of General George Wade, who may have purchased it in Flanders in 1743. It was sold to the ninth Viscount Irwin in 1765 and remained in the hands of his descendants until 1947, when it was bought by Agnew's from the first Earl of Halifax for about £7,000 and sold to a South American collector for about £8,000.

Salmonella risk grows in Britain

BY IAN MURRAY

NEARLY five years after Edwina Currie panicked the nation with her warning that most hens carried salmonella, more people are suffering from the infection than ever before, according to a report in *Which?*, the Consumers' Association magazine.

Fewer egg-laying flocks are infected, the report says, but up to 60,000 of the 30 million eggs eaten in Britain each day carry the bacteria. Last year more than 31,000 cases of salmonella were reported, about half caused by the strain found mostly on poultry and eggs.

Even more prevalent among chickens than salmonella, however, is campylobacter, which was responsible for 38,600 reported illnesses last year. Not all these cases are due to food poisoning, but most are. The magazine says surveys of shops have discovered that more than half the poultry on sale in shops is contaminated.

Overall, the report claims that anything up to two million people in Britain suffered from food poisoning last year. Reported cases alone were up by 11,000 to 65,000, but *Which?* says experts believe the true figure is far higher.

Apart from salmonella, *Which?* says a strain of E coli, which can cause severe diarrhoea and kidney failure, is on the increase, with reported cases up to 400 last year, compared with only 77 five years ago. Listeria, in contrast, seems to be on the wane, with numbers down to 115 from 279 in 1988.

Curry plot to stem child racism

BY PAUL WILKINSON

CURRY and other ethnic foods could be offered to pre-school children in the hope that they will grow up less racially prejudiced.

Social service leaders believe eating what they call "culture foods" will help to break down differences between racial groups before bias develops. But the idea has been criticised as "over the top and unnecessary" by childminders asked to implement the diet.

The ethnic eating policy is included in suggestions from Wirral council in Cheshire to the 344 childminders on its register on how they should "reflect the society in which we live". Other ideas include the provision of appropriate toys, including black dolls.

Ruth Kewley, chairwoman of the district's childminders' association, whose members look after about 1,000, mostly white, children, dismissed the scheme as irrelevant. "There are other, better ways to make children aware. It is just council bureaucrats being over officious," she said. "We are dealing with children no older than four or five. Giving them ethnic food is not going to make them more racially responsible. Children of that age group are not racially prejudiced anyway."

Tom Curran, Wirral's deputy director of social services, was surprised at the objections. "Children do not suddenly become racists when they reach seven or eight. It is institutionalised all round them. If we can broaden their horizons in any way, give them experience of other cultures, it must be good."

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Their Lordships have pronounced the following interlocutor in the said petition:—

Edinburgh, 25 May, 1993. The Lords having heard counsel for the petitioners on their motion dated 24 May, 1993 allow the prayer of the petition to be amended as proposed at the Bar of the Court, appoint the petition as now amended to be intimated on the Walls of Court in common form and to be advertised once in each of the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes and once in each of The Scotsman, The Financial Times and The Times Newspapers; grant warrant for service of the petition as now amended together with a copy of this interlocutor, the report of the Independent Actuary and of the circular referred to in the petition upon the party named and designed in the schedule annexed to the petition; direct that the date at which, for the purposes of Section 49(3)(b) of the Insurance Companies Act 1982, the name and address for each policy holder and for each member of the Companies therein referred to be fixed be 25 May, 1993; dispense *in hoc statu* with the requirements of Section 49(3)(b) of the Insurance Companies Act 1982; allow any party claiming an interest to lodge answers, if so advised, within twenty-one days after such intimation, service and advertisement; appoint D. S. Williamson, W.S. Edinburgh to be the Reporter in the cause.

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Copies of the petition and of the report on the terms of the scheme by an independent actuary (as required by Section 49(2) of the Insurance Companies Act 1982) will be open to inspection at the head office of Scottish Equitable Life Assurance Society and at the registered office of Scottish Equitable plc, both at 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh, and at each of the branch offices of Scottish Equitable Life Assurance Society, the addresses of which are set forth in the Schedule undernoted, during normal business hours on any week day (Monday to Friday) for twenty-one days from the date of publication of this Notice.

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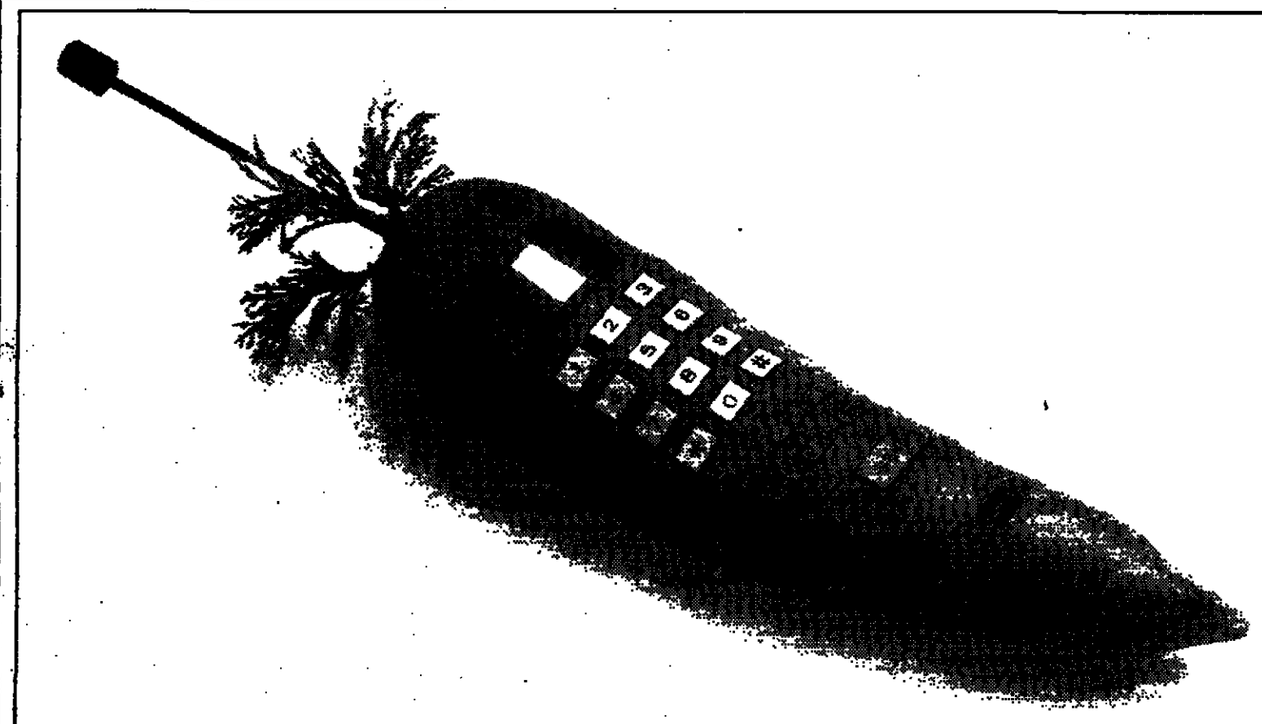

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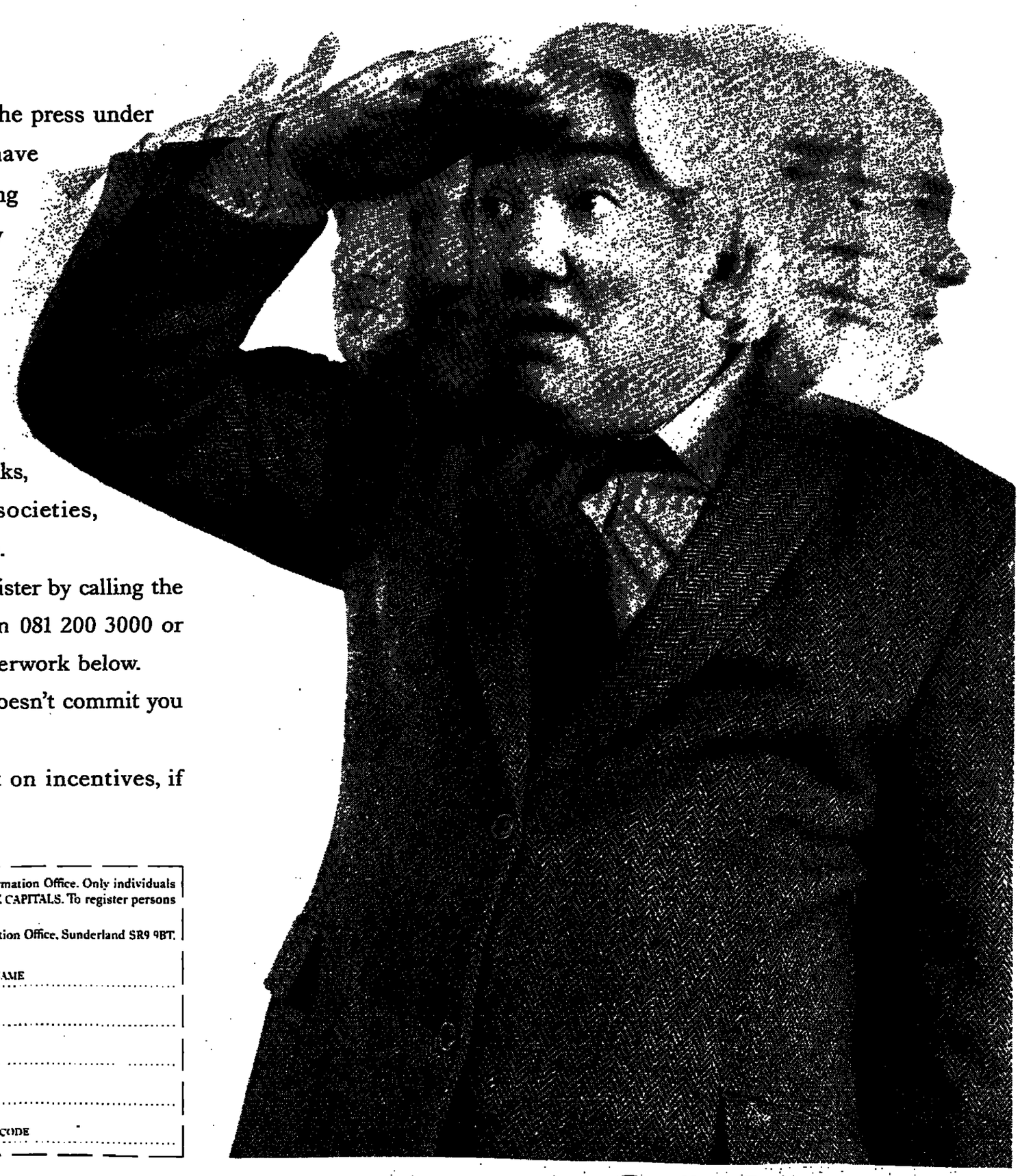

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Cosseted police keep Milosevic the master of Belgrade

Milosevic used Cosic to boost ebbing fortunes

FROM ADAM LEBOR AND DEISA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE

Violence in the streets gave Serbia's strongman a pretext to crush his rivals. He can rest easy knowing the West needs him to guarantee some kind of peace in Bosnia

IN JUST three days Slobodan Milosevic, the president of Serbia, has swiftly and brutally ended the political careers of his two main rivals:

Dobrica Cosic has been removed as president of the rump Yugoslavia after being accused of plotting with army generals and having secret meetings with President Tudjman of Croatia. Vuk Draskovic, the charismatic bearded leader of Serbia's opposition movement, has been arrested, reportedly badly beaten, and Belgrade radio said he would face criminal charges after Serbian police accused him of attacking an officer.

Mr Cosic had been brought in last year to boost Mr Milosevic's fortunes when they were at a low ebb, with international anger rising at the continuing carnage in Bosnia. He seemed a safe bet, a popular if mediocre writer and the spiritual godfather of Serbian nationalism, having been a main architect of the Serbian academy memorandum highlighting grievances over lost influence and territory under Tito. Mr Milosevic saw him as an essentially malleable political figure to satisfy his domestic supporters and placate international opposition.

But Mr Cosic discovered a disturbing taste for the trappings of power: chauffeur-driven cars and comfortable living were acceptable, but when he began to talk with international leaders and entertain ideas of policy-making and forming a counterbalance to Mr Milosevic, he became a danger. Once he began meeting leaders of the Yugoslav army, where straws of federalist nostalgia are still carried in the nationalist gale blowing through Serbia, he had to go.

Mr Draskovic was only a slightly more difficult opponent for Mr Milosevic to dispose of. His commanding appearance and ability to influence a crowd gave Mr Draskovic a considerable personal following. This, combined with his opposition to the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina, plus his criticism of Mr Milosevic from a more moderate nationalist viewpoint, made him dangerous.

Many in Belgrade believe the incident in parliament in which one of Mr Draskovic's MPs was attacked and beaten by a member of the extreme nationalist Serbian Radical party was staged. Mr Draskovic is an emotional man and he responded to the attack on his colleague exactly as Mr Milosevic would hope: he took command of a demonstration in Belgrade and rallied his followers. They did not hesitate to fight back against the Serbian police, who fired rubber bullets and teargas. Violence was almost inevitable. So Mr Milosevic was easily given his pretext for stopping his rivals.

Central Belgrade was calm yesterday morning after a policeman died of injuries in the street clashes and 32 people, including 16 policemen, were wounded, four seriously; 121 people were arrested.

Mr Draskovic was reported to be injured after being beaten by Serbian police when he was arrested at his Serbian Renewal Movement party headquarters. Party officials said he sustained facial fractures and severe bruising.

They said 30 party members, including Mr Draskovic's wife, Danica, were detained as special riot police stormed their headquarters. The police were heavily armed and, when asked for warrants, responded by pointing their guns. "This incident has shown people cannot be safe," said one party official. "If MPs can be beaten up, what is left for the ordinary man?"

The street protests were the most serious challenge to Mr Milosevic's regime since the mass protests of March 1991, also led by Mr Draskovic, in which two people were killed and tanks were deployed. But the easy way in which the president swiftly crushed the demonstrations by using his powerful police force indicates his grip on power is as firm as ever.

Two years ago, the Serbian police were underpaid, underequipped and undertrained. But on Tuesday night, on the streets of Belgrade, they presented a fearsome sight: clad in flak jackets, holding batons and wearing helmets, they spilled out of their blue armoured vehicles with a vengeance.

The Serbian police, according to Western estimates between 60,000 and 70,000-strong, act as a counterbalance to any threat from the Yugoslav army. They know they enjoy their high wages thanks to Mr Milosevic. Many are not from Belgrade but are Bosnian and Croatian Serbs with no great love for the capital's liberals and intellectuals. The policeman who was killed in the demonstration came from Istok, a Serb stronghold in the Albanian-dominated province of Kosovo.

The reaction of the international community is the least of Mr Milosevic's worries. A few foreign politicians may bleat about the brutal arrest of Mr Draskovic. But when more than 100,000 people have been killed in a war while the West stands by, Serbia's leader need hardly worry that the European Community or United Nations will care about the fate of a few opposition MPs.

He has expertly capitalised on the knowledge that the West has now placed all its hopes in him being able to deliver some kind of peace in Bosnia. The "safe areas" plan is in tatters, but America has only just ruled out air strikes even as fighting intensifies around Goradze, and air strikes were the one thing that Mr Milosevic really feared.

The more cynical of Mr Milosevic's backers in the international corridors of power may even welcome his crushing of the opposition. After all, the international community's latest darling should not be distracted from helping salve conscience over Bosnia.

Muslims rely on solitary tank to hold ruined village

FROM MICHAEL EVANS IN BROD, NORTHEAST BOSNIA

JUST south of Brod, a frontline village destroyed by Serb shellfire, the Muslim commander of a battalion sits wearily in his war headquarters, a house hidden in a forest. Brod has suffered another morning of heavy shelling. The village looks as if it has been hit by a hurricane.

Commandant Hazim Fazlovic, whose 300 men are mostly Muslim but also Croat, has the appearance of a man doomed to spend the rest of his days fighting for his homeland. He is 44.

In Brod, his one armoured weapon is a dull green ex-Soviet T34 tank. His men are proud of it and swing on the barrel, but this creaking museum piece has to confront a line-up of Serb tanks which include T72s and T84s.

The room we are sitting in has a clutter of rugs on the floor and AK47 Kalashnikovs rest casually across the three sofas. A Serb tank shell case sits on a sideboard. "Every one of my men," Commandant Fazlovic says, "has been wounded at least once. Some have been injured as many as seven times and 133 of my men have been killed." That morning had been an average one for shelling. About 150 shells had landed on the village, but since most of the houses are already in ruins the impact is barely noticeable.

Commandant Fazlovic is commander of the 3rd Battalion of the BiH 108 Brigade. His son has been killed and the rest of his family live farther back from the front line. He says he has not had a single day off from the war since it began more than a year ago. "We are very tired," he says.

A former reserve officer in the Yugoslav National Army and once a technical engineer, he says all his documents proving his qualifications and past experience were burnt when the Serbs destroyed his home.

He and his lieutenants in the room come from Brcko, the city seized by the Serbs on May 1 last year and which is now at the centre of the Serb campaign to create a 10-mile wide territorial corridor along the north of Bosnia.

"If the arms embargo was lifted and we had weapons," he says, "we could retake Brcko in a matter of days. It's the shame of the civilised world that we aren't allowed to have arms."

Brod has been attacked constantly for two weeks. Captain Arthur Ibbotson, second-in-command of B Squadron The Light Dragoons, based at Tuzla, recently visited Commandant Fazlovic when it was getting dark. He said: "It was like *Apocalypse Now*. There were mortar shells going over the roof and heavy machine-gun fire. The light in the room was flickering. We just carried on talking and having a drink. It was unreal."

In Vitanovici Garni, a village near by, another group of soldiers, this time from the Tuzlanski Brigade out of Tuzla, appear more relaxed. Several are washing out in the open.

Ilic Borko, a Serb member of the brigade, says: "I'm confused and in pain because I'm fighting my own people. But I will go on fighting because I know that they would kill my wife and children since I didn't join their army in the first place."

☐ **Exodus begins:** Thousands of civilians are fleeing from the heavy fighting around the besieged Muslim enclave of Gorazde, the UN-declared "safe area", Sarajevo radio reported (Adam LeBor writes).

Nato fighter planes spotted fires and plumes of smoke in the area, Commander Barry Frewer, spokesman for the UN protection force in Sarajevo, said. Four French UN peacekeepers were wounded in Sarajevo, and aid flights to the besieged Bosnian capital were suspended after a US transport plane and another relief plane were locked onto by radar. They were about to be targeted by anti-aircraft fire. The International Committee of the Red Cross in Zagreb said it was also temporarily suspending all aid convoys into central Bosnia, after repeated attacks on aid workers. Two Danish and two Italian aid workers have been killed over the past few days in the region. A Belgian working for Mexican television was killed by a sniper on the road between Mostar and Jablanica in central Bosnia, Bosnian radio reported.

Tension across central Bosnia remains high as fighting continues between Bosnian Croat and Muslim forces. British UN troops in Vitez returned fire and launched flares after coming under attack. The town of Kiseljak outside Sarajevo, controlled by Bosnian Croats, was hit by 30 mortar rounds. Croatian radio reported six people killed and six wounded in a Serb artillery attack on Maglaj.

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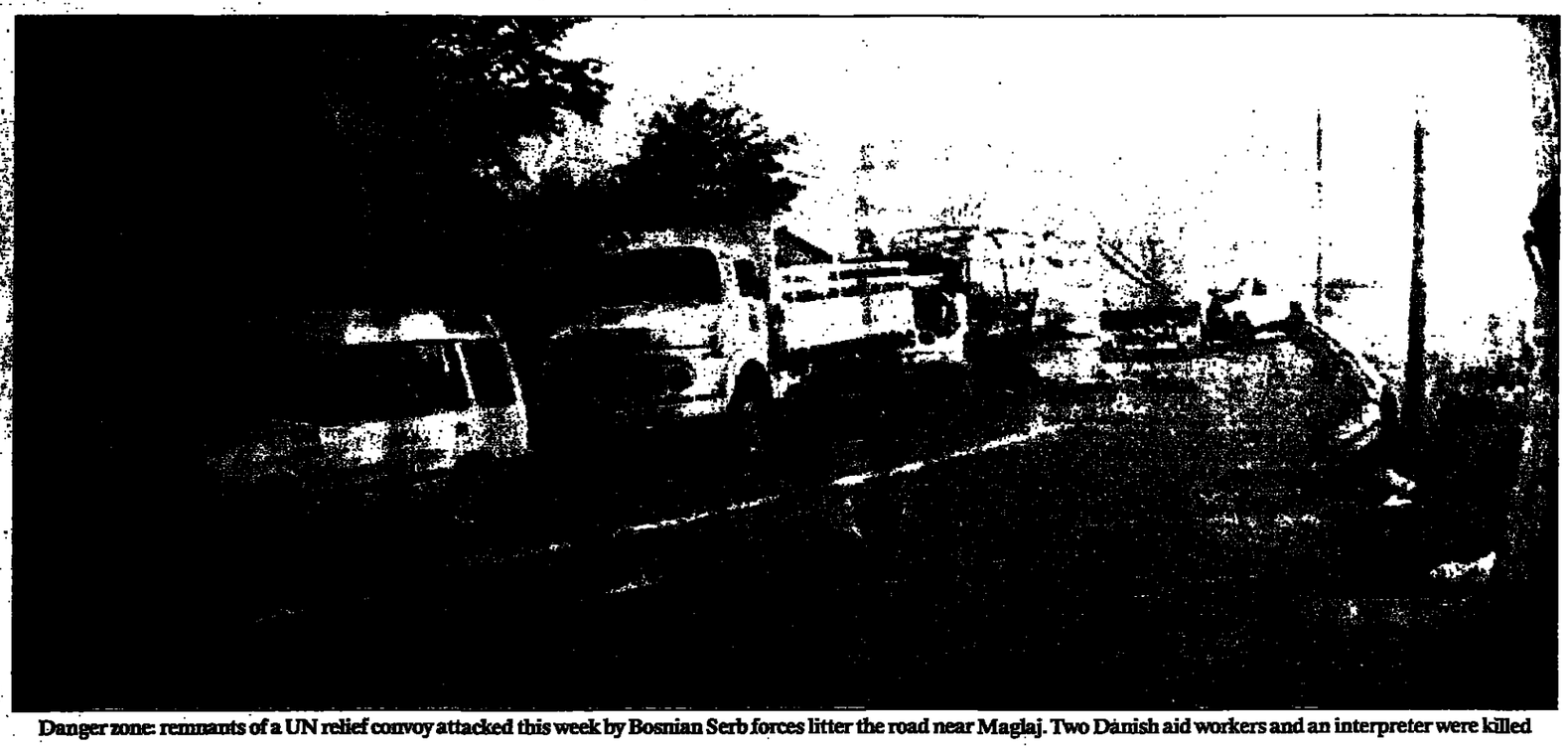

Danger zone: remnants of a UN relief convoy attacked this week by Bosnian Serb forces litter the road near Maglaj. Two Danish aid workers and an interpreter were killed

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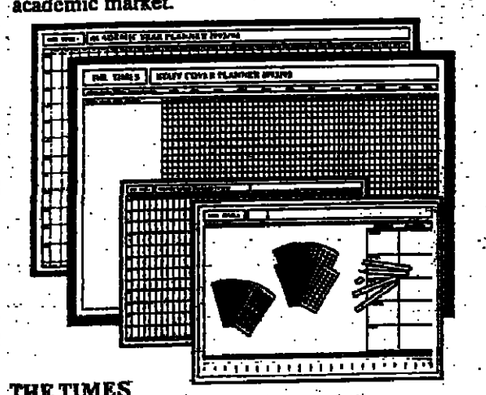

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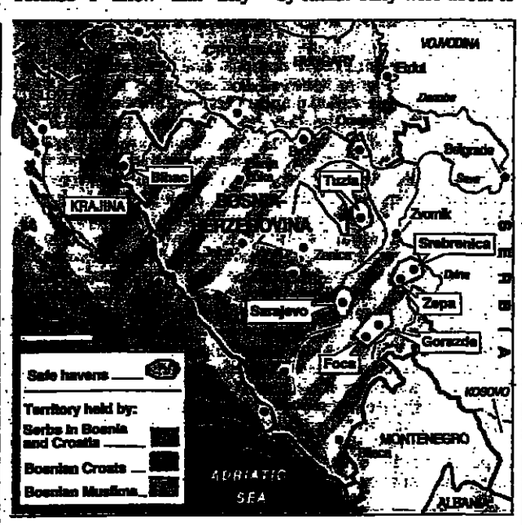

Danube embargo hailed by Hurd

FROM SEAN HILLEN IN BUCHAREST

DOUGLAS Hurd, the foreign secretary, praised Romania yesterday for maintaining United Nations sanctions against Serbia along the Danube to its own cost, but added that more progress needed to be made on its human rights.

"Romania has played a robust role in implementing the sanctions, as is its duty as a member of the United Nations," he said. "I am impressed by the way Romania has acted as a loyal member of the international community and shown good judgment by co-operating with those who want to stop the fighting."

Mr Hurd said that Britain had given boats and sent British customs officials to help maintain the embargo along the Danube. He will visit the river today to see how the sanctions operation is maintained.

Referring to money lost by Romania in trade as a result of the embargo, Mr Hurd said that international banks and institutions should consider compensation very carefully. Romania claims its economy has suffered $7 billion (£4.6 billion) in losses. Bulgaria has made similar claims.

Of Romania's human rights record, Mr Hurd said: "There are questions in the West about matters of human rights here. But as I speak with opposition leaders, I understand progress has been made. But more progress is expected and needed."

Mr Hurd declined to address the increasing concerns of British organisations in Romania about corruption. More than £50 million has been raised by Britons for humanitarian purposes, such as efforts to relieve Aids sufferers in Romania, but allegations that local officials are hampering efforts surface regularly.

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Catalan leader savours his role as Spain's power broker

Franco: tried to crush Catalan culture

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BARCELONA

■ The main parties are regretfully courting a proud regional organisation that boasts of its positive nationalism. Sunday's election will decide who will finally win its hand

PADDING round his 14th-century palace, with the sun streaming through the stained-glass windows, Jordi Pujol could barely conceal his glee yesterday. After 13 years of running Catalonia, the president of Spain's ancient northeast kingdom is fairly certain that this time next week he will hold the balance of power in Madrid.

"They may not like it, but they will have to deal with the idea of Catalonia and answer our needs. This goes back a long way, through centuries of persecution," said the ebullient former businessman the world came to know during last year's dazzling Olympics as "Mr Catalonia".

The "they" in question refers to either the Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE) of Felipe González or the conservative Popular Party (PP) of José María Aznar. Since neither is likely to win the overall majority in the Cortes in Sunday's election, they must work out a pact with Señor Pujol's Convergence and Union (CiU) and the smaller Basque Nationalist Party. The prospect of matrimony with the troublesome Catalan nationalists hardly thrills the big parties. Both have been obliged to court the CiU which, for the first time, appears likely to take the biggest share of Catalonia's parliamentary votes — 40 per cent according to polls — with the Socialists running second. The nationalists could this time return more than 20 of the 47 Catalan members to Madrid's 350-seat congress.

On Tuesday night, Señor Aznar could be found strutting around Barcelona's main bullring to the beat of a rock anthem, acknowledging the cheers of 15,000 *aficionados* with a V sign. After managing a greeting in Catalan, he urged people not to waste their votes on the nationalists. "Catalonia must be the decision-maker in changing the government of Spain," he said. Señor Pujol, who gives the impression of a dynamic, multilingual gnome, is savouring every moment of his region's sudden popularity with the national parties and says he is not fussy about which suitor wins the hand of his group. "We are only interested in what's best for Catalonia."

Señor Pujol wants among other things to be able to raise taxes, open a Catalan state bank and take account of the CiU's ideas for salvaging the Spanish economy. The slump of the past year has hit Barcelona hard and local pride is especially wounded because of the let-down from the moment of the Olympics, when the city shone as the model of an ancient culture and cosmopolitan modernity.

Holding forth to European journalists in his mustard-walled dining room, Señor Pujol made clear he was talking about extending the autonomy which Madrid granted to Catalonia and other regions in the late 1970s. He scoffed at the naivety of anyone who thought that the party was pursuing independence from Spain, an idea which would seem to be suggested by the Catalan-language election posters *Ara Decidirem* (Now we decide). "Everybody knows that it's a reference to Spanish politics, not independence," he said. He makes a big distinction between the "positive" nationalism pursued by the Catalans and the destructive kind to be found these days in the Balkans.

The big parties' courtship of Señor Pujol, 63, and Miquel Roca, the CiU parliamentary leader, does contain potential traps. Few forget that the Popular Party, clothed now in the mantle of youth and moderation, is descended from the hard right-wing movement of Francisco Franco, the dictator who did his best to eradicate Catalan culture and arrested and tortured its leaders. Señor Pujol had his own war with Franco's men. As a student he was sentenced to two years in prison for singing *La Senyera*, the nationalist hymn.

The Socialist party, traditionally closer to the Catalans, is suspicious that Señor Pujol has already worked out a deal with the conservatives. This provoked an acid attack this week by Narcís Serra, the deputy prime minister and senior Catalan Socialist, who said Señor Pujol was preparing to betray Catalonia. "Voting for the CiU means voting for the right and Aznar," he said. Both Señor González and the PP leader are waging last-minute campaigns in Barcelona to sway the crucial Catalan vote.

In his bullring appearance, Señor Aznar, 40, spent much of his time trying to lay the ghosts which the Socialists have been resurrecting. "They are trying to scare everyone, to revive the past to divide Spain," he said. The traditional acclaim to the matador of "torero, torero" sounded a little hollow as Señor Aznar, as neat as ever in his dark suit, exuded the stiffness and formality which have been his chief handicap in his duel against the charismatic Señor González.

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Ministers tighten EC curbs on drugs and immigration

FROM CHRISTOPHER FOLLETT IN COPENHAGEN AND PATRICK MOSER IN BONN

A MEETING of European Community justice and interior ministers ended yesterday with agreement on measures designed to counter illegal immigration and drug trafficking. The decisions are not legally binding.

The ministers reached consensus on a strict set of common rules on immigration and the establishment of a "Europol" police unit. The Europol drugs unit, an umbrella organisation for national drug information bodies, will be the forerunner of a police co-operation agency dealing with other crimes.

The meeting was held at a time when EC states, notably Germany, where 150,000 refugees have fled since the beginning of the year, are being inundated by requests for asylum from East European countries. Last week, the Bonn parliament voted to tighten its previously liberal asylum laws.

Birthe Weiss, the Danish interior minister, said: "There was no discussion of the German law change at our meeting, but Germany noted that it was receiving more refugees than any other country, and would like to share the immigrant burden with other European nations."

On Tuesday, ministers adopted a resolution that called for checks on aliens living or working in EC countries without authorisation, and their expulsion.

The ministers also agreed a resolution setting out a common framework for cases involving family reunification. Exempted from the regulations was a special "highly vulnerable" category of displaced people, notably refugees from the former Yugoslavia, prisoners of war, victims of sexual abuse, the sick and the elderly, who would be offered "temporary protection".

The ministers put on record their "abhorrence" of the firebomb killing of five Turks in Germany at the weekend, and declared their determination to investigate the the wave of violence against foreigners in Community states.

Deputies from Germany's key parliamentary parties yesterday urged Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, to reverse his decision not to attend a funeral service for the three girls and two women at a mosque in Cologne. A similar call was made by protesters who took to the streets of Solingen, where the victims died, for the fourth night of partly violent demonstrations.

Today President von Weizsäcker, Klaus Kinkel, the foreign minister, and Rudolf Seiters, the interior minister, are scheduled to attend the ceremony. Herr Kinkel was also due to fly to Turkey for the burial tomorrow.

The German soccer federation condemned the attack yesterday and donated 50,000 marks (£20,000) to the victims' relatives. Egidius Braun, federation president, said the German national team will meet an all-star selection of foreigners who play in the German league in a charity match in October.

"Foreigners play soccer with us, foreigners are with us in the stadium, foreigners belong with us," Herr Braun said. All league games last Saturday began with a minute's silence to mark that day's attack.

In December, league players denounced the violence by wearing shirts bearing the slogan "My friend is foreign".

□ **Jerusalem:** Israeli legislators have asked Bonn to make it hard for Jews from the former Soviet Union to settle in Germany so that they will emigrate to Israel instead.

Members of the parliamentary immigration committee yesterday urged Germany to stop giving preference to Jewish immigrants, a statement said.

Jews are not subject to recent German restrictions. There is no immigration quota for Jews, who receive benefits indefinitely. *(Reuter)*

Stamp of anger: young Turkish demonstrators clamber over the roof of a car in Hamburg yesterday during a protest against the neo-Nazi arson attack in Solingen at the weekend in which five people were killed

Money for love gets kiss of death

FROM ANDREW GUMBEL IN PARIS

A LEGAL wrangle over France's most famous photographic embrace, Robert Doisneau's 1950 picture *Le Baiser de l'Hôtel de Ville*, ended yesterday with a court ruling that a kiss is just a kiss, and deserves no compensation.

Two couples had each claimed to be the young pair captured in an embrace outside Paris's city hall, oblivious to the surrounding bustle, and, four decades later, had demanded money from M Doisneau. The court gave neither side satisfaction, saying that the black and white photograph offered no definitive proof of identification.

The dispute began when Denise and Jean-Louis Lavergne, two printers from the Paris suburbs, said they had recognised themselves in a reproduction printed on the cover of a television listings magazine in 1988. The Lavergnes, who were courting at the time of the photograph, used their claim to appear on television as "the lost couple".

M Doisneau, who had always said he captured his famous shot spontaneously, at first let the Lavergnes believe they were the couple, but then announced he had hired models for the job. Disappointed, the Lavergnes decided to sue for 500,000 francs (£60,000).

A former actress, Françoise Bournet, who said she was hired by M Doisneau to appear in the photograph, became incensed. She sued for 100,000 francs plus a share of the royalties.

Yesterday's written ruling said that the Lavergnes "had provided no proof of the illicit reproduction of their features" and so could not sue for invasion of privacy. Although the court said Mme Bournet's claim to have posed for the picture "is not contested", it said the matter was not beyond doubt since the woman's face is partly hidden. *(Reuter)*

Touvier: militia head

Frenchman to be tried over help to Nazis

FROM SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH IN PARIS

FRANCE is braced for a flood of recrimination and national soul-searching after a historic appeal court ruling that Paul Touvier, 78, a Frenchman, should stand trial for crimes against humanity committed during the Nazi occupation.

Touvier headed La Milice, the pro-German militia in Lyons during the war. The Versailles court ordered proceedings against him for his role in the execution of seven Jewish hostages handed over to the Gestapo near Lyons in 1944. The hostages were subsequently executed in retaliation for the killing by the French Resistance of the senior official in the Vichy administration.

Touvier has twice been sentenced to death for his wartime actions, but miraculously escaped. He was first arrested in 1947. For reasons never established, many Roman Catholic clergy paid little attention to the accusations against him. He spent 20 years living in religious houses.

At one stage Jacques Brel, the songwriter, offered him a job and he made a record about sex education called *Love and Life*. He became dependent on Brel.

He was finally recaptured in 1989, but was released on medical grounds. Last year, however, a court ruled that he could be charged, but only with war crimes and not the more serious crimes against humanity. Because of the statute of limitations, the decision meant that such crimes would in effect be buried forever.

The decision was vehemently rejected by relatives of Vichy victims, who campaigned for yesterday's ruling.

Yeltsin seeks to calm fleet rivalry

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin sent Andrei Kozyrev, his foreign minister, to Kiev yesterday to arrange a Russian-Ukraine summit on the future of the disputed Black Sea fleet. The meeting is expected to take place within a fortnight after a sudden heightening of tension between the two former Soviet republics.

Ukraine protested to Moscow at the weekend after about 200 vessels in the fleet raised the Russian St Andrew's flag in response to the hoisting of the Ukrainian flag by one ship. Konstantin Morozov, the Ukrainian defence minister, said yesterday that Kiev would not pay wages to crews flying the Russian flag.

At a session of the Ukrainian parliament called to discuss the dispute, Leonid Kuchma, the prime minister, proposed that Kiev should seek to end the quarrel by leasing the Sevastopol naval base in the Crimea to Moscow. He said hopes that Russia would hand over the 380-vessel fleet in the foreseeable future were unrealistic. "Given the way things are, let us take money from them rather than use our own to support it." Previous suggestions of a leasing arrangement were rejected by nationalist politicians.

Admiral Eduard Baltin, the fleet commander, has blamed the Ukrainian defence ministry for failing to prevent tensions among the crews escalating into the display of rival flags. Both sides are now accusing each other of provoking hostility in order to break last year's Yalta agreement between President Yeltsin and President Kravchuk of Ukraine. Under the deal, the two leaders agreed to keep the fleet under joint command until 1995. Vessels would continue to fly the old Soviet flag, pending an official division of the fleet between the two states.

The Black Sea fleet, founded by Catherine the Great, has assumed a symbolic role in the clash between Ukraine and Russia over the division of spoils from their united past in the Russian and Soviet empires. Of all the former Soviet republics, Moscow finds it hardest to accept Ukraine's independence. Aleksandr Rutskoi, the Russian vice-president, has said several times that the Crimea should return to Russia.

Kiev, anxious to underline its separation from Moscow, is using the flag incident to support its call for a more lasting solution, such as declaring Sevastapol a city state under the protection of both countries. The decision to send Mr Kozyrev rather than a military official reflects the delicate state of affairs. Mr Yeltsin called for the dispute to be "resolved through reasonable comprehension of historical and contemporary factors, rather than far-fetched emotions".

NEWS IN BRIEF

EC envoys express concern on Tibet

Hong Kong: The European Community has criticised China's human rights record in Tibet. A statement that expresses the Community's "deep concern" will probably reassure China, since the EC is not threatening that continued persecution in Tibet will have repercussions for Peking, but China is expected formally to protest against the report (Jonathan Mirsky writes).

The report comes after an inspection trip to Tibet by 12 EC diplomats, including eight ambassadors, from May 16 to 23, during which they were alerted by the London-based Tibet Information Network that the security forces had arrested Tibetans attempting to make contact with them.

The diplomats filed a 50-page report, according to one of them. The text of the EC démarche, however, a mere four paragraphs, exhibits the EC governments' reluctance to hit China hard. One aspect of the message may alarm Peking: for the first time, all the EC countries have joined in expressing distaste for Chinese rule in Tibet.

Sanctions set

Brussels: Envoys from the 12 EC states have decided to set limited counter-sanctions worth £10 million against America in a row over government contracts, officials said. EC foreign ministers are expected to approve the measure next week. *(Reuter)*

Anger at ruling

Paris: Haemophiliacs expressed outrage after France's top medical board ruled that Dr Michel Garretta, convicted of condoning Aids-tainted blood transfusions, could practise again. He was sentenced to four years' imprisonment. *(AP)*

Blast averted

Rome: Italian police discovered a car bomb 100 yards from the Chigi Palace, the office of Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the prime minister. Hours earlier police in Sicily arrested Giuseppe Pulvirenti, a senior Mafia fugitive.

Ban flouted

Cairo: Up to 120,000 Iranian pilgrims held an illegal rally near Mecca in Saudi Arabia, demanding that the death sentence on Salman Rushdie be carried out.

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Clinton ready to abandon civil rights radical

■ Another public relations disaster has struck the White House as it awaits the new image man. The "quota queen" has hampered the president's fightback

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton, desperate to avoid anymore of the controversies that have battered his young administration, was reported last night to be close to dropping his radical nominee for a senior civil rights job.

Mr Clinton was being pressed by senior advisers and leading Democratic senators to jettison Lani Guinier, 43, the University of Pennsylvania law professor who has challenged the principles of one-person, one-vote and majority rule and advocated extreme measures to enhance black political power.

Newspapers reported that Ms Guinier's nomination to head the justice department's civil rights division was about to be withdrawn. Mr Clinton refused to discuss the reports during a morning photo-opportunity.

Republicans and conservative organisations have seized on Ms Guinier's nomination to embarrass Mr Clinton, calling her a "quota queen" whose views on racial issues were divisive, confrontational and "far out of the mainstream". Many moderate Democratic senators share that assessment and have warned Mr Clinton privately that Ms Guinier faces bruising confirmation hearings that would ignite racial tensions, discredit his attempts to move back to the political centre, and probably end in a damaging defeat.

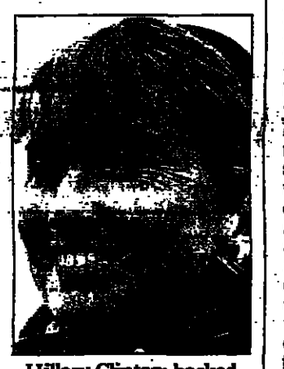
Dropping her appeared to be the lesser of two evils, though such a move would enrage civil rights and feminist groups. Ms Guinier also happens to be an old Yale law school friend of both the president and his wife, Hillary, who reportedly pressed for her appointment in the first place. Ms Guinier's nomination is another self-inflicted wound, and officials were once again blaming Bernard Nussbaum, the embattled White House counsel, for failing to foresee the political dangers of her views.

The "Travelgate" scandal continued to affect the administration. *The Washington Post* reported that Penny Sample, an airline charter executive who volunteered to give a helping hand after last month's dismissal of the White House travel office, received a $1,400 (£900) commission from the charter company she employed for the first press flight she organised.

Ms Sample promptly returned the commission when challenged by the newspaper. "It was a mistake," insisted George Stephanopoulos, the White House spokesman, who is being moved to a less public position next week after a series of public relations disasters.

Mr Clinton was also reported yesterday to be preparing to postpone the unveiling of his health care plan from this month to next or even longer, so that he can get his deficit-reduction plan through Congress first. That plan has been narrowly approved by the House, but faces even stiffer opposition in the Senate. On Tuesday, Mr Clinton signalled that he would accept deeper spending cuts and lighter tax increases to get the measure through.

Underscoring his return to the political mainstream, Mr Clinton is expected to nominate a moderate to fill the Supreme Court vacancy before the weekend. The leading candidate is Judge Stephen Breyer of Boston.



Hillary Clinton: backed friend's appointment

Winnie Mandela free to revive career

FROM RAY KENNEDY AND ROSS DUNN IN JOHANNESBURG

AFTER two years of waiting, Winnie Mandela celebrated her freedom yesterday as Xoliswa Falati, her co-accused on kidnapping and assault charges, was taken off to jail.

Friends described the separated wife of Nelson Mandela, president of the African National Congress, as "ecstatic" and "very happy". Instead of a six-year prison sentence she will pay a fine of 15,000 rands (about £3,000) and compensation of 5,000 rands each to three victims of assault at her Soweto home in 1989.

The Appeal Court in Bloemfontein, South Africa's highest tribunal, substituted the fine and a suspended two-year prison sentence for the total of five years in jail imposed by the Witwatersrand Supreme Court in May 1991 on charges of kidnapping four youths. The appellate division quashed Mandela's conviction and one-year sentence on a charge of being an accessory to assault.

Falati will serve two years in prison with two years suspended. She was originally also sentenced to six years for kidnap and assault.

One of the kidnapped youths was Stompie Moeketsi, 14, who was later found dead. Jerry Richardson, the "coach" of the so-called Mandela United Football Club, a bunch of toughs who acted as her bodyguard, was sentenced to death for Moeketsi's murder but was reprieved and is serving a prison sentence.

Commenting on the outcome of the appeal, Mr Mandela, himself a lawyer, said in Cape Town, where he had been meeting President de Klerk: "I am very happy my estranged wife will not have to go to jail. To make an informed response, I must study the judgment carefully."

Mr Chief Justice Michael Corbett said in his judgment that the motive put forward for the kidnapping — that the youths were being sexually abused by the minister in charge of the Methodist church manse where they had been living — did not in law justify their forcible removal. But the trial judge's acceptance of Mandela's claim that she was far from home when the assaults took place created a significant breach in the state's case against her. He added that, at their trial, both Mandela and Falati were on occasion evasive and untruthful.

Although Mandela was celebrating her release with friends at home last night, others in Soweto were perhaps reflecting sombrely on what they may well see as a lack of justice. Among those not dancing for joy would be Albertina Sisulu, wife of Walter Sisulu, the ANC deputy president and one of Mr Mandela's closest friends.

Mrs Sisulu was the receptionist at the offices of Abu-Baker Asvat, a doctor much loved by the people of Soweto. She was at work the day Asvat was killed in his surgery, only days after he had examined Moeketsi and pronounced him close to death.

Two men are serving 17 years for the murder of Asvat. One of the killers said in an affidavit that he was told [Mrs] Mandela would pay £4,000 to anyone who killed the doctor. This evidence was not, however, raised at the trial of Mandela and Falati.

It has been pointed out that Mr and Mrs Sisulu were not present during the proceedings. This was almost a year before Mandela's 1992 separation from her husband.

It was after this separation, just when the allegations linking her to Asvat's murder surfaced, that Mandela's fall from grace within the ANC accelerated. Rumours abounded of extra-marital affairs, including one with Daluxolo "Dali" Mpofu, a lawyer, who after her husband was the second man to kiss Mandela after her conviction in 1991.

Mandela will now try to rebuild her political career, inflicting further damage on the ANC's image. Under existing South African law, nobody with a criminal record may stand for parliament, which means Mandela will be barred, at least technically, from standing in next year's multiracial election. As things stand, the same restriction applies to Mr Mandela and many other anti-apartheid campaigners.

The original deadline to set a date for the election passed on Monday, but hopes were growing yesterday that the multiparty constitutional talks in Johannesburg will achieve agreement on the issue today. Mr Mandela said after his three-hour meeting with Mr de Klerk that "the government and the ANC have moved very close together on the question of a date".

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Mother's day: Winnie Mandela, left, is hugged by her daughter Zinzi in Johannesburg after hearing that her prison sentence had been reduced and suspended. She must still, however, pay a fine and compensation

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bombay alert after murder of politician

Delhi: The army has been put on alert in the western Indian city of Bombay after the murder of Prem Kumar Sharma, a member of the Maharashtra state legislative assembly, who belonged to the right-wing, pro-Hindu, Bharatiya Janata Party (Coomi Kapoor writes).

Mr Sharma was shot on Tuesday night by an unidentified assailant riding a bicycle, while he was travelling with his family in the Khetwadi area of south Bombay. The politician's wife and driver were injured in the attack and are in hospital.

The killing, the second of a pro-Hindu city leader in less than a week, has led to considerable tension in India's commercial capital, which had witnessed sectarian violence and bomb blasts in the wake of the demolition of the mosque at Ayodhya by Hindu militants in December.

Last Saturday, Ramesh More, a member of the state legislative council affiliated to the regional, anti-Muslim party, the Shiv Sena, was gunned down outside his home in the Versova suburb of northeast Bombay by four unidentified assailants.

Lal Krishna Advani, the leader of the BJP, is expected to attend Mr Sharma's funeral today.

Argentina visit

Buenos Aires: Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, arrived here to see political leaders and businessmen. The aim is to forge closer trade links and reinforce improved relations with Argentina 11 years after the Falklands war.

Burundi shock

Bujumbura: Burundi's military president, Major Pierre Buyoya, was heading for a surprise defeat by Melchior Ndadaye, the leader of the Burundi Democracy Front, in the country's first democratic elections, provisional results indicated. *(Reuter)*

Uganda threat

Nairobi: The Ugandan government advertised in Kenyan newspapers that it intends to sell any abandoned fixed property belonging to Asians expelled in 1972 by Idi Amin, then the Ugandan ruler, unless reclaimed before the end of October. *(Reuter)*

Cancer victim

Washington: Arthur Gay, the longest surviving heart transplant recipient, has died of cancer. Mr Gay, 56, of Temple Hills, Maryland, lived with the donated organ for 20 years and four months. Cancer of the oesophagus was diagnosed 2½ weeks ago. *(AP)*

Games over

Seoul: South Korea plans to close gaming arcades and ban slot machines because many owners are suspected of corruption, state radio said. Last month, the so-called "godfather" of the business was arrested on corruption charges. *(Reuter)*

Return voyage

Tokyo: A Japanese graduate of the US naval academy in Annapolis, Maryland, has joined the Japanese navy for the first time in half a century. About 70 officers of the imperial navy graduated in America under a prewar exchange scheme. *(Reuter)*

Doctors search for clues to deadly Navajo Indian plague

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

AMERICAN medical investigators are fanning out across the vast Navajo Indian reservation in an attempt to isolate and identify a mystery illness, dubbed Indian plague, which has killed 12 people in the past two months and may have infected many more.

Most of the victims are Navajo Indians, and all but one of the 21 cases confirmed so far lived on or near the 17-million acre tribal reservation which straddles the borders of New Mexico, Arizona and Utah.

The disease, described at the moment as "unexplained adult respiratory distress syndrome", causes a high fever, muscular aches and restricted breathing. Most of those who have died of the disease, including three whites and one Hispanic, have suffocated within hours or a few days of the first symptoms. Only three victims have recovered, and six remain in hospital, four in critical condition.

Most of the 219,000-member Navajo people live in tiny, isolated communities dotted across the reservation with little or no contact with the outside world. Health officials fear many may still be unaware of the spreading disease. Efforts to track down the source have been hampered by the Indians' dislike of interference in their affairs and their reluctance, based on religious beliefs, to talk about death for fear of evoking evil spirits.

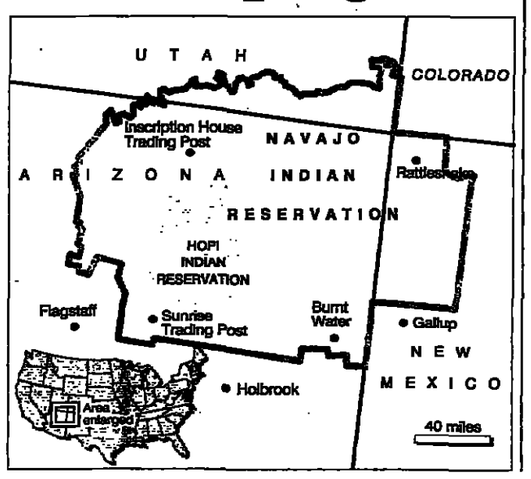
Peterson Zah, the Navajo leader, went on radio this week to appeal to his people to co-operate with the medical investigation by the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, the Indian health service, and state health departments. "We want to assure the Navajo people that the nation's top medical investigators are continuing to do all they can to diagnose this illness," Mr Zah said. He urged members of the tribe to visit a reservation hospital as soon as symptoms were detected.

Doctors and public health officials who met at the weekend said a virus appeared to be the most likely cause, but agreed that so far there was no clear indication of how it might be transmitted, or where it originated. Some experts say it could be triggered by toxic chemicals or bacteria from fungi, and may be widespread but as yet undetected. "Many people may have the infection, but only some are getting especially ill," said Dr Ron Voorhees, of the New Mexico health department.

The disease first appeared in March, but doctors did not identify a pattern until two members of a family died last month. On Tuesday, health officials in Utah, Kansas and North Carolina reported isolated cases of a similar illness. Scientists and health officials are now conducting interviews with the families of victims for clues to the origins of the flu-like disease. "We're working pretty much around the clock on this," said Anna Levy, a state epidemiologist in New Mexico. "This is so baffling because most of the people are unrelated and they are in different locations." Most victims have been young, previously healthy adults.

In 1976, it took six months to discover the origin of Legionnaire's disease, the type of pneumonia which killed 34 people who had attended an American Legion convention in Philadelphia. Health officals have said that it may be months or even years before the cause of the "Indian plague" is tracked down.

A Californian school has cancelled a visit by a group of 35 Navajo schoolchildren as a precaution against infection.



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Army stands aside as Serrano exits

BY DAVID ADAMS AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE fall of Guatemalan president, Jorge Serrano, a week after he assumed near-dictatorial powers, has been welcomed by a large cross-section of civic leaders who hope his departure will strengthen the country's young democracy.

People celebrated in the streets after the announcement was made at a press conference in the national palace by the defence minister, José García Samayoa. The Congress was due to meet yesterday to begin selecting a successor to Señor Serrano. Congressmen expected a civilian to be chosen, and a leading candidate appeared to be Arturo Herbruger, 80, a lawyer who heads the Supreme Electoral Council.

Señor García Samoyoa deflected rumours that the military, who handed over to civilian rule in 1985, would reassert its authority. "I continue to be the defence minister; I am not assuming any presidential powers," he said.

The army gave its support to Señor Serrano at first, but that changed over the weekend. "The army wasn't about to take on the role of being the ruffians, the Rambos," said Jorge Skinner-Klee, a leading opposition congressman.

Señor Serrano was toppled on Tuesday, but told Mexican TV yesterday that he had not resigned. Asked if he considered himself president, he replied: "Legally yes, but in fact, no."

International condemnation of the May 25 coup had been strong and possible sanctions were looming after the visit of a team from the Organisation of American States. Washington and several Latin American countries are ready for sanctions unless Guatemala comes up by today with an acceptable plan to restore democratic rule.

THE UNEXPURGATED VERSION OF A DIARY KEPT THROUGHOUT THE THATCHER YEARS

How we ditched our leader

What a way to go. Unbeaten in three elections, never rejected by the people. Brought down by nonentities! From his office at the defence ministry on Monday, November 12, 1990, **Alan Clark** watched as power drained away from the prime minister

KEN LENNOX

End of the road: a tearful Margaret Thatcher is driven away from Downing Street for the last time as prime minister. Even her closest friends were unable to save her

I came back here, but couldn't concentrate, and strolled over to the House. We are on the verge of great events. Wild rumours are circulating about the leadership "contest" for which nominations close on Thursday. Today's favourite is that there just won't *be* a contest this year.

"Too close to the election, old boy. Frozen."

This has to be balls.

The whips have totally clammed up. A bad sign. Already they have gone into "neutral" mode. Secret policemen burning the old files, ready to serve.

The ballot would, should, be on Tuesday of next week. Only eight days to go and I have a dreadful feeling — not all the time, but in waves — that Heseltine will stand, and that he will win. I haven't communicated this to anyone. No one at all.

HOUSE OF COMMONS Tuesday, 13 November

The party is virtually out of control. Mutinous. People are not turning up for divisions. Dissidents get bolder and bolder with their little off-the-cuff TV slotettes. Code is abandoned. Discipline is breaking up. Geoffrey [Howe] will make his resignation speech this afternoon, and apparently the entire text is the work of Elspeth. Received wisdom is that this will finally tear the whole thing wide open.

After Ministers this morning I signalled Andrew MacKay to come into my room. He is so shrewd, he really knows the party as well as any whip. We agreed that the situation is serious, very serious. It's the arithmetic that looks so nasty. There is this *bolus* of wankers, mainly in the north, who are fearful of losing their seats, and will try anything. Elizabeth Peacock: "We can't be any worse off than what (sic) we are." Add this to Michael's own claque, itself at least 50 because adhering to it is the whole *salon des refusés*, plus all those like Charlie Morrison who have always loathed her, and before you know where you are you're dam' close to 150. Then, there is the considerable body of the soft optioneers, the abstentions. "An honourable protest." Crap on every side.

We are at present in a state where any news, however slight and tenuous, spreads like wildfire if it is damaging. The effect is cumulative, and reinforces doubters, sceptics who need an excuse for transferring loyalties. "She's virtually lost all support outside, you know . . ."

I change my own mind by the hour. In some ways it would be better for her to go completely than to hang on mutilated, forced to take in a Trojan Horse. But she has not got the nature to make a withdrawal to Colombey, and for that course it is now really too late. We're down to ensuring that Heseltine doesn't win in a stampede. And Douglas [Hurd], who could play a role here, is deeply reluctant.

LATER

I forced my way along the minister of state's bench, stopping two places short of Janet [Fookes], who always sits, massively, in the camera-hogging spot just behind the P.M. The House was very full indeed, with much chattering and giggling from recusants. The loyalists are glum, and apprehensive. From the moment he rose to his feet Geoffrey got into it. He was personally wounding — to a far greater extent than mere policy differences would justify. Elspeth's hand in every line.

All those cabinets (seven hundred he said) when the Lady had lashed and bashed him (there too, it must be admitted, more savagely than could be explained by nuances of attitude. But it was to a smaller audience and did not, I think, start until about three years ago). In his mind he will also have been carrying the brutal briefing on the "non-existent" role of deputy prime minister, the messing-around over the houses. It all seethed and bubbled in the cauldron.

Geoffrey ended his speech with an ominous, and strange, sentence: "I have done what I believe to be right for my party and for my country." (They all say that.) "The time has come for others to consider *their own response* to the tragic conflict of loyalties with which I myself have wrestled for perhaps too long."

Afterwards a lot of people, semi-traumatised, didn't want to talk about it. The atmosphere was light-headed, almost.

I spoke with Norman Lamont. He very naïvely ("I can see *you* weren't at Eton," I said) questioned whether any member of that government — not cabinet, *government* — could vote against her on the first ballot. "Quite monstrously disloyal," etc.

Afterwards I thought maybe it was a plant. You can't trust anyone at present.

We were joined by Tebbit. Wildish and gaunt he seemed. He mouthed a bit about a special role he was going to play; he had been in close touch with Peter Morrison [Mrs Thatcher's campaign manager]; and so on. Interestingly, he said we *must not* go for a compromise candidate. We must fight all the way, to the death.

This appeals to me. Leonidas at Thermopylae. But we don't win. It's the end of me. I came in with her. I go out with her.

HOUSE OF COMMONS Wednesday, November 14

A curious state of limbo. Briefly, and unaccountably, the House has gone quiet. Many are leaving early for their constituencies to take the temperature. The papers are terrible. The Lady is said to be "foundering"; "holed below the waterline"; "stabbed"; "bowled middle stump", and similar far from original metaphors. Much worse than Westland. There are even rumours (in the press, I can find no trace of them in the corridors so it may be a plant by Mates or Hampson) that Cranley Onslow is going to advise her not even to *contest* the election.

Perfectly ridiculous. No one seems to have given a thought to the constitutional implications, still less the international. How can a narrow caucus in a singular political party unseat a prime minister just because it calculates that it may improve its election prospects thereby?

Tristan [Garel-Jones] rang from his car. Naturally he was *very* against NT's idea of a "last stand". He thinks he can fudge up a solution that will keep Heseltine out.

"Of course," I said. "If it works".

"It's got to f*****g work," he answered.

SALTWOOD Saturday, 17 November

I have been listless and depressed most of the day, with ill-at-ease tummy. Perhaps I drank too much in Denmark. But it was mainly Schnapps. Poisoned on the aircraft, more likely. The papers are terrible. Only exceptions being the leader of the *Daily Telegraph*, and Paul Johnson.

Everything else is tipping Heseltine. Bandwagon. And the five o'clock news was even worse. Heseltine doing this, doing that; going down (or up) escalators; leaving (or arriving at) his house. And all the time with that uneasy, almost Wilsonian smirk. But among Conservatives *in the country* she still has majority support.

The Lady herself is away, out of the country. It's absolute madness. There is no party mileage whatever in being at the Paris summit. It just makes her seem snooty and remote. And who's running the campaign? Who's doing the canvassing? Who's putting the pressure on?

I became more and more dejected, decided to telephone Tristan. He attempted to calm me, said that Peter Morrison was in charge of collating the votes, that he was calmly confident. But when pressed, Tristan shared my scepticism as to whether this was really the true picture.

He launched into some dissertation as to how Douglas (who will be in Paris with the PM, about to go into a banquet — shades of Potsdam) and John Major (who will — for God's sake — be in *hospital*, having just had four teeth taken out) will speak to each other in that first critical hour between 6 and 7pm on Tuesday and, it is to be hoped, settle what should happen next.

I don't like the sound of this. It will be Halifax, Churchill and George VI, and they may decide who runs. In which case, *passim* Halifax. Douglas will probably stand aside. We're then left with John Major who, being calm and sensible, is infinitely preferable to that dreadful charlatan, H. But John is virtually unknown, too vulnerable to the subtle charge of "not yet ready for it".

He has personal handicaps, not of his own making. The product, indeed of his virtues. He's not at all *flash*, and a lot of colleagues think it's flash that we need at the moment. And he's not classy, which doesn't worry me in the slightest, but worse, he doesn't (like Mrs T) even *aspire* to be classy.

"Look," I said. "All these arguments are being tossed around on the assumption that we have to go to a second ballot."

"That's right, Baby." (A strange affectation of Tristan's, calling me "Baby". I don't mind, but I do know from experience that it usually presages some piece of news which I am not going to like.)

An appalling thought struck me. Michael couldn't actually *win* first time round, could he? I put the question convolutedly. "Do you think it more likely than not that he won't get a majority in the first ballot?"

"Yes."

"Do you put the odds on this happening at worse than (longish pause) 60 per cent?"

"No."

This is terrible. He's barely worse than evens.

HOUSE OF COMMONS Monday, November 19

The whole house is in ferment. Little groups, conclaves everywhere. Only in the dining room does some convention seem to have grown up (I presume because no one trusts their dining companions) that we don't talk "shop".

But in the corridors it is all furtive whispering and glancing over shoulders. Most people are interested — not so much in the result, as in knowing what the result *will be in advance*, in order to make their own "dispositions". To ingratiate oneself with the new regime. The issue, which can be discussed semi-respectably, is who is most likely to deliver victory at the general election? But it is packaging, conceals a great basket of bitterness, thwarted personal ambition, and vindictive glee. Talk of country, or loyalty, is dismissed as "histrionics".

And there is a strange feeling abroad. Even if the Lady wins — and here I am writing "even if", pull yourself together Clark, say "even after she's won" — there will be no escaping the fact that at least 150 of her parliamentary colleagues will have rejected her leadership.

And as the savour of a Heseltine victory starts to pervade the crannies and cupboards and committee rooms, so more and more people are "coming out". "Oh, I don't think he'd be so bad, really . . ." "He's got such a wide *appeal*".

Most conspicuous in canvassing are Hampson (loonily) Mates (gruffly) and Bill Powell (persuasively). Michael himself is quite shameless in offering all and sundry what they have always wanted. For example, he would probably have got Paul's [Channon] support anyway, but "sealed" it with an assurance that Paul would be Speaker in the next House; Soames fell straight away for the "your talents are long overdue for recognition" line, as did little Nelson and Rhodes James ("you've been treated abominably").

Michael stands in the centre of the Members' lobby, virtually challenging people to wish him good luck. He gives snap "updates" to journalists, and greets suppliants who are brought along for a short audience by his team. The heavier targets he sees in his room. The cabinet play their cards close to the chest, although Mellor, apparently, speaks to Michael twice a day on the telephone. Some, like Kenneth Clarke, want her out so badly that they don't need even to blink.

At the top of the ministerial staircase I ran into G-J. He was bubbling with suppressed excitement. I don't think he actually wants "Hezzy" as he (spastically) calls him, to win. But he's high on the whole thing.

Tristan said, "Of course every member of the cabinet will vote for the prime minister in the first round." *Like hell they will.*

I said to him, hoping he'd deny it, "One cannot actually exclude the possibility that Heseltine will score more votes than her on the first ballot."

"No, I'm afraid one can't."

"Can one, even, *be completely* sure that he will not get both the largest total and the necessary margin to win without a second ballot?"

"No, I'm afraid one can't."

This was really chilling. Apocalypse. Back over to the House. I listened outside Peter Morrison's door. Silence. I knocked softly, then tried the handle. He was asleep, snoring lightly, in the leather armchair, with his feet resting on the desk.

Drake playing bowls before the Armada and all that, but I didn't like it. This was ten minutes past three in the afternoon of the most critical day of the whole election. I spoke sharply to him. "Peter".

"I'm sorry to butt in, but I'm really getting a bit worried about the way things are going."

"Quite all right, old boy, relax."

"I'm just hearing bad reactions around the place from people where I wouldn't expect it."

"Look, do you think I'd be like this if I wasn't entirely confident?"

"What's the arithmetic look like?"

"Tight-ish, but OK."

"Well, what?"

"I've got Michael on 115. It could be 124, at the worst."

"Look, Peter, I don't think people are being straight with you."

"I have my ways of checking."

"The Wintertons?"

"The Wintertons, funnily enough, I've got down as 'Don't Know's'."

"What the f*** do you mean, *'Don't Know'*? this isn't a f*****g street canvass. it's a two-horse race, and each vote affects the relative score by two, unless it's an abstention."

"Actually, I think there could be quite a few abstentions."

"Don't you think we should be out there twisting arms?"

"No point. In fact it could be counter-productive. I've got a theory about this. I think some people may abstain on the first ballot in order to give Margaret a fright, then rally to her on the second."

In deep gloom I walked back down Speaker's corridor. It can't really be as bad as this can it? I mean there is absolutely no oomph in her campaign *whatsoever*. Peter is useless, far worse than I thought. And she's in Paris.

I went into the members' tea room. The long table was crowded with Margaret supporters, all nonentities except for Tebbit who was cheering people up. Norman was saying how unthinkable it was to consider dismissing a prime minister during a critical international conference. "Like Potsdam in 1945," I said. No one paid any attention.

When he got up Norman said that he wanted a word.

Norman said, "If it's open season, I'm darn' well going to put my name in. The right must have a candidate they can vote for."

"You'd lose."

"It's likely I would, but at least we'd know our strength. That could be useful in a changed situation."

"Look, Norman, we want to put additional names in to reduce *his* total, not ours. I don't think Heseltine has that big a personal vote. It's just an anti-Margaret coalition."

I could see he was thoughtful. Raising his voice he said, "Well, this time tomorrow everything will be settled," and gave one of his graveyard cackles.

After dinner I had a word with Norman Lamont. "I don't like the smell," he kept saying. "There's a bad smell to the whole place." He's right, of course. It's the smell of decay. It's affecting everything, the badge messengers, the police, the drivers. Something nasty is going to happen.

I write this very late, and I am very tired. Perhaps I'm just needlessly depressed. I'd ring the Lady if I could, but she's at a banquet. She's not even coming back for the ballot. Lovely and haughty.

ALBANY Tuesday, November 20

The afternoon hung interminably. Labour MPs were everywhere, ghoulish and heavy-handed with their jokes. Our fellows seemed all to be in hiding.

As is my style at all "counts" I went up to the committee floor very late. A huge crowd in the corridor. The entire lobby, TV teams from all over the world. (How did they get in, pray — all part of the general breakdown of order and discipline which is licking, like stubble fire, at everything)

There was, inevitably, a balls-up over the figures. We, the Tory MPs, packed tight and hot and jumpily joking to each other in the committee room, did not (a monstrous error by Cranley Onslow, for which he will pay at the next election of the 1922 Committee) get the figures first. We heard a loud noise, something between a gasp and a cheer, from outside the door, as the journalists digested first the closeness of the result, then the killer element — that there had to be a second ballot.

Four votes, that was all there was in it. I get so cross when I remember Peter Morrison asleep in his office. For want of a nail a kingdom was lost.

At the ten o'clock vote Tristan found me in the lobby, pulled me into the window bay by the writing table. "We're meeting at my house, straight after this."

"Who's 'we'?"

"Oh just a few mates; *Chris* [Patten] and people. We need to talk through the next steps."

"How do you mean?"

"Ways of supporting the prime minister."

But he wouldn't accede to any of my suggestions; Aitken, Maude, David Davis or Lilley, in that order. Even Andrew MacKay (not obviously of the right, as were the others) caused Tristan to pull a long face.

"We're all friends. It's a very small gathering, we all know each other and can speak freely . . ."

As soon as I walked into the room it was apparent why no one else from the right had been allowed in. "Blue-Chips" wall-to-wall. Five cabinet ministers. Riffkind, who was the most dominant, and effective: C Patten, also good but (relatively) taciturn: Newton, and Waldegrave.

Waldegrave was sympathetic in a relaxed, jokey way. The only person to say what a personal tragedy it was for her, how she was still of a different dimension to all the others. Lamont was there, stood throughout. Mephistophelean in his black tie. He shocked me by saying at the outset that he could conceive of Michael as being quite an "effective", *tolerable* (sic) prime minister.

Patten said, "Well, he's not mad, is he? I mean after you've had a meal with him you don't get up from the table and think, that fellow was mad, do you?"

There were three ministers of state in the room, besides myself, Hogg and John Patten. Tim Yeo was there "representing" Hurd, whose PPS he is, but stayed silent.

Douglas Hogg piped up: "I think any one of us could serve under him [Michael]." And there was a sort of cautious mumble of assent. What I assume he meant, of course, was, "I don't think any one in this room is likely to be sacked — so we can all enjoy ourselves." Mutual preening.

I said it wasn't quite as easy as that. What we had to ensure was that the person who replaces her is the one most likely to win the election.

Michael was unreliable, I argued. Any electoral capital he brought would soon be expended. What we needed now was a Baldwin, someone to reassure rather than stimulate. I expanded, people were nodding. But when I said Tom King, Chris Patten laughed aloud. And John P, taking his cue, said, "I presume you're joking."

Tristan said, "Come on, Al, you'll have to do better than that."

Only Douglas Hogg, surprisingly, admitted that he saw the point.

Although I had been expecting Tristan to try and rig it for John Major, the consensus did in fact build up quite rapidly for Douglas. I remained doubtful. He is *too* much of an Establishment candidate.

It was only when I got back here, at 10 minutes to one am, that it dawned on me: at least five of the people in that room fancied themselves as "new generation" candidates, in the nearish future. They want Douglas, but *as a caretaker*. They're not quite ready, themselves. As we were breaking up one — it could have been William — actually said, "If we put John in, he'll be there for 25 years."

The really sickening thing.

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The perils of travel, an attack of the vapours, steroid side-effects

Foreign bodies

MEDICAL BRIEFING: Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Eat, drink, but be wary: going on holiday can be a dangerous experience

THIS MONTH marks the traditional start of the holiday season. Right on cue, Professor Michael Farthing, of St Bartholomew's Hospital, has reminded *British Medical Journal* readers of the perils of travellers' diarrhoea.

Even though the millions of Britons who travel overseas in the summer are leaving behind the country where, it is reported this week, the number of food poisoning cases is at a record level — 27 per cent up on the same period last year, itself a record year — the risk of infection is still greater abroad.

In Britain, the principal organisms involved are campylobacter and salmonella, while on an overseas holiday, about half of cases are caused by the local strains of E coli, the gut bacteria, to which the British traveller has had no opportunity to acquire resistance.

Only the foolhardy traveller abroad drinks suspect water or eats ice-cream, shellfish, uncooked vegetables and salads, or takes ice in their drinks, but Professor Farthing warns that some bacteria can survive temperatures of 50C; and neat spirits do not kill organisms lurking in ice. Other holidaymakers, aware of the risks, still consume these foods to avoid offending a host or alienating a potential client.

The approved advice for avoiding intestinal disease when travelling overseas is available in a leaflet from the British Digestive Foundation. The advice, useful for anybody going overseas, may become particularly important for those who hope to travel to areas where cholera is endemic.

Cholera is spread by sewage-contaminated water and can cause such severe diarrhoea that the patient may suffer complete collapse and even die. Bengal cholera, a new strain, has already spread from India to Nepal, and cases have been reported in Bangladesh, Malaysia and Japan. Obeying the normal hygiene rules will protect against all forms of cholera: trials have shown that a healthy person can take in a billion cholera organisms without developing the disease.

For the past 30 years, most cholera has been caused by the El Tor variety which is, when compared to the strains of the classical type prevalent before then, mild. The anxiety now is that Bengal cholera is not only totally unaffected by any of the innoculations to protect against it, but also has a virulence which seems to be closer to the classic strain of cholera than to the El Tor variety.

The memorials in British churches to those who died in 19th-century India bear witness that the fear cholera used to engender was not misplaced. But at that time, there was no knowledge of how the disease was spread or the importance of replacing fluids lost by diarrhoea — with cholera, a person can loose twice their weight in fluid in a day.

Most holidaymakers will not be confronted with *Vibrio cholerae*, probably only by an alien E coli from an unwashed waiter's or cook's hand. Even so, the initial treatment is the same: replacement of fluid loss. For those who have failed to take advice and do not have a proprietry fluid replacement with them, a mixture of eight level teaspoonfuls of sugar, half a teaspoonful of salt and a litre of clean water is a good substitute. Taken in addition, fruit juices and bananas can, according to Professor Farthing, compensate for lost potassium. For adults, the anti-diarrhoea compounds Imodium or Lomotil can be taken, although if the attack is severe or prolonged, an antibiotic may be needed.

● *Leaflets on avoiding illness when travelling overseas can be obtained by sending a self-addressed envelope to the British Digestive Foundation, PO Box 251, Edgware, Middlesex, HA8 6HG.*

Standing orders

NEXT Saturday, when the colours of the 2nd Battalion, the Coldstream Guards are trooped on Horse Guards Parade, it is to be hoped that none of the 1,400 soldiers on parade will faint. The soldiers are taught that fainting only occurs because the blood which should have been circulating around their brains has pooled in their legs as a result of standing still for too long.

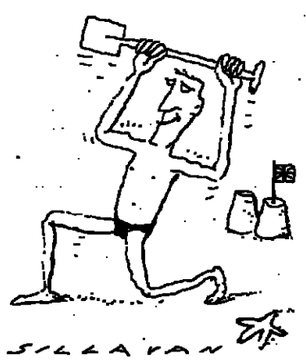
Normally, blood is pumped back into the circulation from the lower limbs by the squeezing action of the large muscles at the back of the legs, which contract and relax during walking and push the blood upwards along the veins lying within the muscles.

Soldiers, by regularly and rhythmically tightening and relaxing the muscles of their legs, can surreptitiously maintain the circulation and the oxygen supply to their brain. Mr Stanley Rivlin, a surgeon, analysed the mechanics of parade-ground fainting and published his study in *The Practitioner* in 1956. Since then, Mr Rivlin has become a specialist in the treatment of varicose veins: the advice he gave to soldiers then he now gives to those who wish to avoid developing unsightly, and eventually damaging, veins in their legs.

Mr Rivlin teaches that if the calf muscles are to pump effectively the ankles must move efficiently. This only happens if well-fitting, but not heavy, shoes are worn. Mules, flipflops and exercise sandals in which the heel does not stay in touch with the sole of the shoe alter the action at the ankle, thereby interfering with the pumping movements of the calf muscles so that blood collects in the legs and distends the veins.

Mr Rivlin also advises that to maintain good veins, people should bath at night before going to bed, so that if the blood vessels are dilated by heat they are not overstretched by standing for a long time, and to rest whenever possible on a bed with the foot of the bed raised.

A weight of evidence



A REPORT published in the *British Psychological Journal* suggests that one in 20 weightlifters takes anabolic steroids. Research workers found that one-third of weightlifters using such drugs had been made aggressive to the point of mental instability, while in another study, all those who were examined were unusually aggressive, in some cases to the point of anti-social destructive behaviour.

This recent work confirms earlier research on "Body Builder's Psychosis", published in the *Lancet* 1987, in which nearly a quarter of anabolic steroid-takers among a sample of bodybuilders had psychiatric symptoms at or near the psychotic level.

Sadly, it seems many who men take anabolic steroids were motivated more by vanity than by appearance, without thought that their masculinity may be being destroyed. In time, the testes of those taking anabolic steroids shrink, and infertility and impotence may follow so that later in life the breasts enlarge. Even an initial increase in phallic size has its hazards, since the patient is more liable to suffer from priapism, a painful persistent erection which if it is not relieved by emergency surgery leaves the sufferer impotent.

Better, then, to be a seven-stone weakling and have sand kicked in your face than in middle age suffer impotence, infertility and large pendulous breasts.

Vitamins get a new lease of life

Doctors stay cautious, but new evidence boosts the theory that diet supplements may make you live longer

If vitamins are good for you, are more vitamins better? To judge by the sales of vitamin products, millions of people believe so. In America, 100 million people take some vitamin supplements.

Unlike medicines, vitamins can be sold without licence or evidence of efficacy, so long as they are "safe for human consumption". Nobody doubts that they are safe in normal doses, but what about the huge doses that some doctors and dieticians have encouraged?

Over the years, vitamins have been claimed to defeat the common cold, heart disease and cancer, and even to boost a child's IQ. None of these claims is convincingly supported by trials but there is a growing body of epidemiological evidence that vitamins, or the foods that contain them, may be a significant factor in controlling a range of diseases.

The stars of this new vitamin revolution are Vitamin C, Vitamin E, and beta-carotene, the pigment found in carrots, broccoli and tomatoes, which is converted by the body into Vitamin A. Last month scientists from Harvard Medical School reported that men taking Vitamin E supplements were only a quarter as likely to have a heart attack or die as those who were not taking them, while the risk in women was halved.

A year ago, a similar American study, by scientists at the University of California at San Francisco, showed that men (but not women) who eat lots of fruit and vegetables, or drink five glasses of orange juice a day, had 45 per cent lower heart disease death rates than those who hardly ever ate fruit. This is a much stronger effect than dieting to reduce blood cholesterol, so why does medical opinion remain sceptical?

The difficulty is that people are questioned about their diet, maybe years later, and what they say may not always be reliable. In any case, doctors are reluctant to base advice on the evidence of epidemiology alone, if they cannot think of a persuasive mechanism through which the vitamins might work. In this case, however, a plausible hypothesis does exist. The idea is that vitamins, taken either as fruit and vegetables, or in the form of vitamin pills, mop up free radicals in the cells that, left to their own devices, would do considerable damage.

A free radical is any molecule in the body that carries an unpaired electron. All cells produce free radicals in thousands every day, and life could not function without them.

> One thing is certain: a diet rich in fruit and vegetables has never done anyone any harm

The presence of the loose electron means that a free radical is particularly prone to react with any passing molecule, perhaps setting off a chain reaction that may end in damage.

The commonest free radicals are those based on oxygen. The body's way of policing these is to provide supplies of antioxidants which soak them up and prevent them blundering about doing harm. The main dietary sources of antioxidants are Vitamins C and E and beta-carotene.

The presence of antioxidants in the bloodstream appears to protect against heart disease. One American study found that circulating levels of Vitamin E provided the single most significant explanation for different heart deaths in 16 European populations: the higher the levels of the vitamin, the lower the heart deaths.

Smoking, blood pressure, and cholesterol levels can explain only 20 per cent of the discrepancies, but if antioxidant levels in the blood are included, 70 per cent can be explained. Some specialists even believe that the use of antioxidants as food preservatives, which began in the 1960s, can help explain why heart deaths have begun to fall.

There is also some evidence that vitamins may protect against cancer. Breast, prostate, mouth, throat, stomach and lung cancers all appear to be lower in people whose antioxidant intake is higher. Now a series of trials have been launched to try to confirm the findings.

The accumulation of evidence, though still inconclusive, has produced a gradual shift in medical thinking and the vitamin champions get a more respectful hearing.

The difficulty is to decide how much is enough. Very few people in Western societies suffer actual vitamin deficiencies, and it is not known whether excessive levels of antioxidants in the body could cause other diseases, or whether they would damp down the body's own methods for mopping up free radicals. Richard Cutler, of the US National Institute on Ageing has shown, for example, that rats stuffed full of Vitamin E do close down other antioxidant systems.

Overdosing on some vitamins can do damage. Too much Vitamin A harms the liver and causes blurred vision and headaches; too much Vitamin D can cause kidney stones. It seems to be difficult to overdose on Vitamins C and E, though there was a famous case of a man who consumed so much beta-carotene he turned yellow.

Pregnant women should take folic acid (a B vitamin) to reduce the danger of a spina bifida baby, while vegans may also be wise to top up with Vitamin B12, only normally available from meat. Some children and old people may also benefit from a vitamin supplement, but as for the rest of us, mainstream medical opinion remains cautious.

One thing can be said for certain: a diet rich in fruit and vegetables, the natural sources of antioxidant vitamins, has never done anyone any harm.

NIGEL HAWKES

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though, was the urgent and unanimous abandonment of the Lady. Except for William's little opening tribute, she was never mentioned again.

ALBANY
Wed, November 21

This is going to be — politically — The Longest Day. Not only my own prospects, but the whole edifice which we have constructed around the Lady, are in ruins.

LATER
Ministry of Defence

No work is being done in Whitehall today, whatsoever. My in-tray is about an inch deep. I don't think a single minister in the govt will be at his desk; or if he is, it will be only so as to telephone to a colleague or to a journalist. The civil servants (all of whom, down to Principal level, I suspect, were terrified of the Lady) just cannot believe their eyes.

Yet still she won't return. Before walking over to the House I called Andrew MacKay into my room and we had a long talk about Tom [King].

Tom likes the idea (of standing), but he is cautious. He would need to be sure of at least 30 votes to even "put down a marker". And in any case, convention obliges that no member of the cabinet puts his name forward while she is still standing. (I hear rumours that that pudgy puff-ball Kenneth Clarke is considering breaching this, but am keeping that in reserve.)

"Look," I told him, "if the Lady is doomed, our number one priority is to find, and instal a leader who will win the next general election. And we haven't got long. Who is best suited to do this?"

I told him that Heseltine would burn out very quickly. His rhetoric pleased Party Conference, but was less reliable in the national context. People are sick of passion, they want reassurance.

The only two figures who can do this are Tom and John Major. Douglas is now past it; is thought rightly or wrongly to be a buffer and a bureaucrat. John is more engaging than Tom in some ways, with a lovely grin, but seems really too youthful. There is no time to project him. Even in the House he is barely known, has never been seen under fire. Tom, on the other hand, does have gravitas. Also he's good on the stump, in small groups, canteens and so on.

The immediate priority is to find a way, tactfully and skilfully, to talk her out of standing a second time.

THE COMMONS

I was greeted with the news that there had been an announcement. "I fight, and I fight to win." God alive!

Tebbit is holding an impromptu press conference in the Members' lobby.

Fifty feet away, down the tea-room corridor that mad ninny Hampson is dancing around on his tippy-toes calling out to passers-by, "Tee-hee, she's standing. We've made it. We can't lose now, etc."

Her "campaign" is a shambles now. Every time I trawl the corridors I run into another batch of chaps who say they're going to switch, or abstain, or when-are-there-going-to-be-some-more-candidates-to-choose-from? The only visitor who has made any real sense is Francis Maude. He claims, forcefully, that John Major has a better chance than we all realise. But John won't make a move while the Lady remains in the field. "I must get to see her. Can you help?" Apparently Peter stands sentinel, and is outside her door the whole time.

Archie Hamilton's just been in. Didn't make any sense. One minute he says she "could still" win; the next that we've all "had it". I'm off now, upstairs.

LATER
Kundan restaurant

It is very late, and finally I have withdrawn here for a vegetable curry, and to write up the traumatic happenings of this evening.

I made first for Chris's room. On the way I passed her outer door and said to Peter that I must have a minute or so. He looked anxious, almost rattled, which he never does normally. "I'll do my best. She's seeing every member of the cabinet in turn ..."

"Francis wants to see her too."

"I'm doing my best."

Chris wasn't in his room. The secretary of state's corridor was deserted. Hushed, but you could feel the static.

The policeman by the lift said he was "in with Mr Rifkind".

I knocked and went in without waiting for an answer. Also in there, loathesomely conspiring, was little Kenneth Clarke. Her three great ill-wishers!

Chris was quite amiable.

"How many votes she got at the moment?"

"It's a rout. She's down to ninety."

"*Ninety?*"

"You've got to stand. You can't let Michael corner the left."

He was diplomatic. A discussion was impossible. God knows what they were talking about, but it stank. Never mind, I have sowed the seed; or watered what was already there.

I went down the stairs and rejoined the group outside her door.

After a bit Peter said, "I can just fit you in now — but only for a split second, mind."

She looked calm, almost beautiful. "Ah, Alan ..."

"You're in a jam."

"I know that."

"They're all telling you not to stand, aren't they?"

"I'm going to stand. I have issued a statement."

"That's wonderful. That's heroic. But the party will let you down."

"I am a fighter."

"Fight then. Fight right to the end, a third ballot if you need to. But you lose."

There was quite a little pause.

"It'd be so terrible if Michael won. He would undo everything I have fought for."

"But what a way to go! Unbeaten in three elections, never rejected by the people. Brought down by nonentities!"

"But Michael ... as *prime minister*."

"Who the f***s Michael? No one. Nothing. He won't last six months. I doubt if he'd even win the election. Your place in history is towering."

Outside, people were doing that maddening trick of opening and shutting the door, at shorter and shorter intervals.

"Alan, it's been so good of you to come in and see me ..."

Afterwards I felt empty. And cross. I had failed, but I didn't really know what I wanted, except for her still to be prime minister, and it wasn't going to work out.

At half past eight I left to come over here. The archway exit from Speaker's Court was blocked by the PM's Jaguar. She had just taken her seat, and as the detective's door slammed the interior light went out and the car slid away. I realised with a shock that this was in all probability her last night as prime minister. I came in with her. I go out with her, and a terrible sadness envelops me — of unfinished duties and preoccupations; of dangers and injustices remaining, of the greed, timidity and short-sightedness of so many in public life.

ALBANY
Thurs, November 22

Very early this morning the phone rang. It was Tristan.

"She's going."

● *Diaries by Alan Clark (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £20).*

TOMORROW

Alan Clark: my disaster at the Dispatch Box

Philip Antrobus
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Philip Howard

■ The Scots really know how to organise a good burying

If you don't go to people's funerals, they won't come to yours. I went to a country funeral, and I have to report that it was a far, far better thing than the surreptitious city motorcade to the crematorium with the passers-by looking the other way in embarrassment. In the city, a funeral is just a brief interruption in the traffic. In the depths of the country, it is still a social occasion, an act of theatre, and a comforting communal rite of passage.

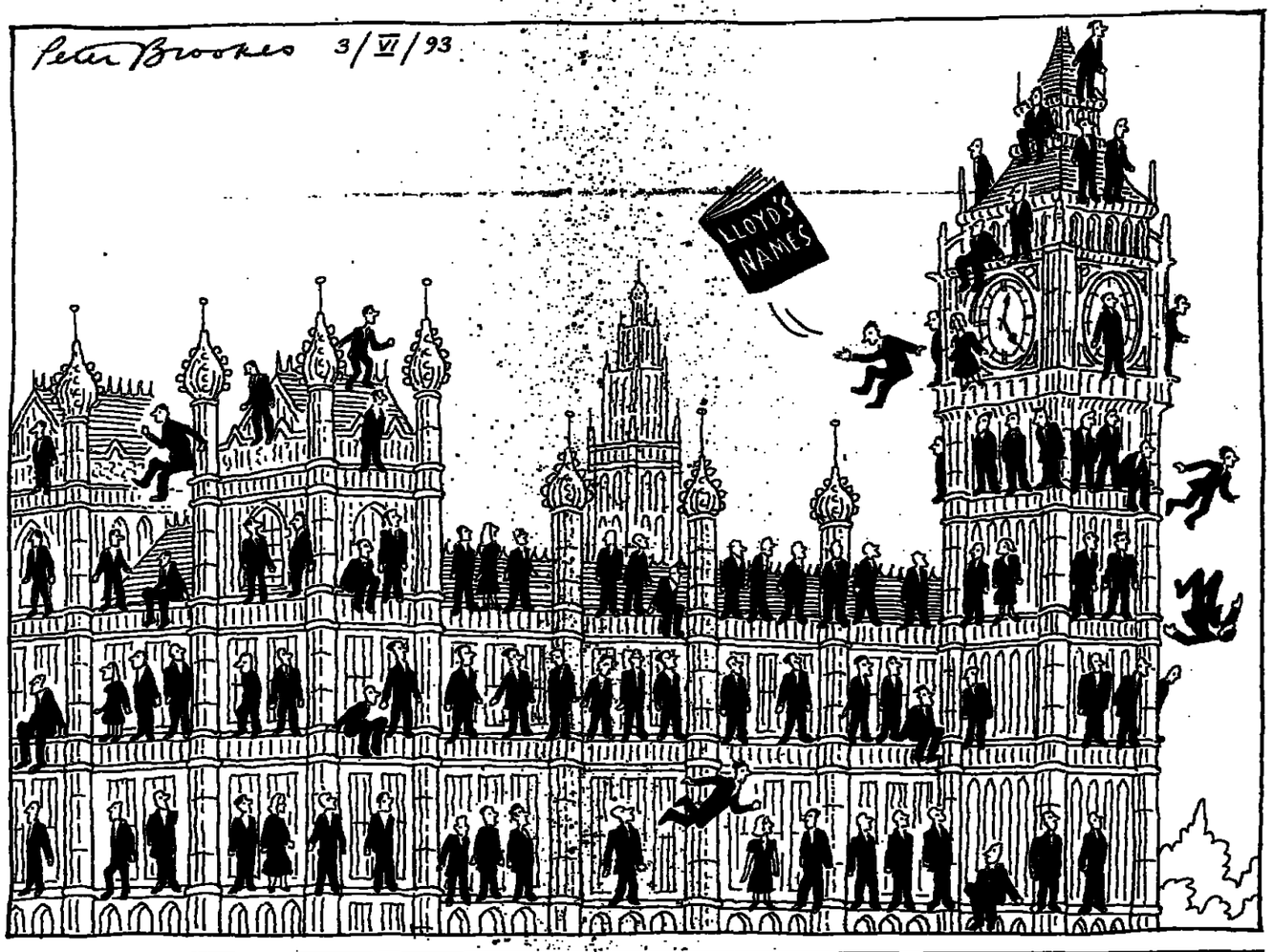
In his too short life, Peter had played many parts, as a sprig of the pawky Edinburgh legal set, Royal Scots officer until either his colonel or Peter had to resign his commission, and then suddenly a professional shepherd and sheep-farmer. I met him at basic training for National Service at the Black Watch Depot at Queen's Barracks, Perth, where we were part of an awkward squad of potential officers. He was the streetwise and Scotswise one. Over the years I cleaned sheep's feet with him, fell into the sheep-dip bath, built stone walls that fell down at once, humped hay bales, delivered lambs, cleaned foot-rot from sheep, and laughed a lot. As his reluctant guest at Muirfield, I came close to wiping out the first division of the Inner House of the Court of Session, by seeing four old fools pottering away miles down the fairway, letting fly, and for once hitting a nifty straight and true. And I appalled the older members of the Honourable Company of Edinburgh golfers watching with their port from the bow window, by becoming so frustrated in the fathomless bunker called Hell beside the 18th green that I threw my ball at the pin. It rolled across the green, and fell into a hole almost as deep on the far side.

After Princess Alice had presented new colours to the Royal Scots in Edinburgh Castle, and champagne had been taken, two big men in civilian clothes got out of their car at the traffic lights in Leith Walk, and said, menacingly, that they were from the Edinburgh police, but off duty. They thought that Peter should not be driving, but if he let the lady take over, they would say no more about it. Peter, showing off to his London friend, asked: "And how do I know you are police?" That was when I should have knocked him out with the jack. But he ended up in a Black Maria, and I went scurrying up and down the Edinburgh tenements, in the optimistic belief that the regimental doctor could be lured from an unregimental engagement to certify that Peter was sober.

Up there the class system works differently. The Scots have it, all right. Were red revolution to come, the last stand of the Old Guard would be not at the House of Lords or the Athenaeum, but at Muirfield, with bunkers across the road and raised sand-blasters. But Scots are not so divided into clans by birth, education and accent as the English. And in his impenetrable Border accent, Peter could tell hair-raising tales of the perversity of sheep which died just to spite him. He could also sound as refeened as any Writer to the Signet.

So they all came into the heart of the Lammermuir Hills, miles from anywhere, the soldiers and the shepherds in boots with turned-up toes, the racing set and Morningside, and even the odd journalist from London. We sang the old hymns and read from the Authorised Version, Peter having been a wordsmith. The piper played: in the open air, preferably across a large loch is the only way to hear the pipes. Sun shone over the deep hills miles from anywhere but only four hours from Wapping, and the sheep stood up and for once forbore from dying with their four feet sticking up in the air to spite him. The fine address began, "As Titus Oates said, 'I am going outside now. I may be some time.'" And I laughed and laughed through tears, as Peter would have done.

Afterwards, everyone went up hill and down glen to Peter's high home. And there was a huge tea, home-baked, with hundreds of all sorts and conditions of men and women and children having a party on the lawn, greeting old friends, gossiping and laughing, trying to shelter from the brisk wind. It was terribly sad and funny, quite unlike our truncated southern rites. What ceremony else? He would have loved it.



One family of God

With neo-Nazi attacks on immigrants in Germany reviving old fears in the Jewish community, Christians should not forget the roots of their own religion

William Rees-Mogg

The Emperor Domitian, who comes after Nero in the list of bad emperors of the 1st century, was both cruel and superstitious. Like many persecutors he was interested in the religion that he persecuted.

He heard that some relations of Jesus were living in Israel, the grandchildren of one of Jesus's brothers and therefore great-grandchildren of Mary and Joseph. They were already old. He had them called to Rome and interrogated them, particularly about their finances. They told him that they earned their living on the land, but owned their own property which was of just over seven acres, perhaps with a modern value of £12,000. They had no cash, or assets other than the property. The emperor sent them back home, without doing them any harm, and they lived out their lives in peace as Christians.

Of course, the New Testament itself is full of similar occasions which make the ordinary practical Jewish existence of Jesus and the disciples come alive. Yet there is something very touching about these elderly Jewish peasants suddenly being exposed to the glare of imperial power, and then returned to the daily work and worry of their smallholding.

It is always surprising how little curiosity — let alone reverence — most Christians show towards the Jewish roots of the religion, when the New Testament is so richly Jewish in character and we share the Jewish Torah as our Old Testament. Jesus was not an Englishman: he was not even an Italian: he was a Jew, and he had a *Jewish family*.

What is more, the great majority of Jews alive today, virtually all of them, must be descended from close relatives of his. If it is correct that Mary and Joseph had a large family, and the evidence is somewhat uncertain, the probability is that the family did not die out. If one assumes four generations to a century, then after 19 centuries each of us has the apparently absurd number of 64 billion trillion ancestors. Given these numbers it is almost inconceivable that any of us is not descended from any person alive in the 1st century who belongs to our general ethnic group. Always provided that descendants exist at all.

Given the Jewishness of Christianity, the relations between the two religions have been a historic tragedy of unimaginable proportions. Christian anti-Semitism is one of the worst stains on the record of Christianity. Even now Roman Catholics are supposed to recite "reproaches" on Good Friday, though these are the one part of our liturgy which many Catholics prefer to leave unsaid.

Nor, on the other hand, have Jews always been free from anti-Christian prejudice, although they have had far less power to put it into effect. Christians did generally oppose the Holocaust — Britain after all was fighting the Nazis when it happened — and can reasonably regard Nazism as an alien, pagan and demonic creed. But Isabella's persecution of the Spanish Jews and their treatment by the Inquisition were perversions of the Christian religion itself.

A few weeks ago I attended a panel meeting of the Institute of Jewish Affairs. Stewart Steven, the editor of the *Evening Standard*, was one of the other journalists on the panel. I found myself trying to reassure the entirely Jewish audience about the state of British public opinion, but I found that they had an understandable fear of anti-Semitism, and that the fear is greater than it was a few years ago. Indeed Mr Steven was attacked quite fiercely because the *Evening Standard* very properly reports — as *The Mail on Sunday* did when he was editor — financial scandals in which Jewish businessmen have been involved.

Of course, it is never easy to measure how much prejudice there is. People do not make anti-Catholic remarks to me because they mostly know that I am a Roman Catholic. Similarly, in normal society anti-Jewish remarks would not be made in front of Jews, but they might suspect that they were made behind their backs.

I myself hear very few anti-Semitic remarks, but then I also hear very few anti-black remarks either. I assume that I would find any such remarks offensive. Nevertheless it appears that there is nowadays little anti-Semitism among the British middle class. Some Jews see the press emphasis on fraud stories in which Jews are involved as anti-Semitic, but I do not think that is correct. If Robert Maxwell had been a Turk, like Asil Nadir, he would have rated the same number of column inches.

Jews are worried about Israel and about the growth of right-wing parties in Europe. They feel that Israel is still the threatened nation in the Middle East, and that public sympathy has switched to the Palestinians as the underdogs. They also fear that the governments of the West, and particularly the British government, are too much under the influence of the Arab lobby, and are too much interested in oil. I suspect that many Jews are reading reports of the Scott enquiry into arms for Iraq with some fear and cynicism. In the Gulf war the Iraqi missiles were targeted on Israel. Who can doubt that the supergun might also have had the same target?

Many Jews have a deeper fear they are reluctant to express. It is that Islamic fundamentalism will eventually destroy Israel, that there will be a second Holocaust. They do not often express it, because it is too terrible for them to contemplate, another destruction of their nation, another diaspora, another calamity. They also feel that it is disloyal to Israel, which can be damaged if hope is lost. But the fear exists. Not all Jews are convinced that the state of Israel will still exist in 50 years' time. Nor are they confident that the West will stop the catastrophe happening. Suppose that there were another oil embargo, perhaps at a time when oil is again scarcer than it is now. Would the people of Illinois, on some future November day, vote for a president who promised to protect Israel, or for one who promised to keep the central heating alight through a Chicago winter? I would give the optimistic answer, but it does not take much cynicism to worry about that.

Jews cannot be expected to see the television reports of young German skinheads marching to Nazi music without the revival of old fears, fears which many Germans share. Last weekend's arson attacks on German immigrants increased this anxiety. I think this revival of the German right has been caused by special circumstances, by the problems of reunification, by the inflow of a million immigrants, by the disparity between East and West Germany, by the recession. If that is correct, it may prove a temporary phenomenon. But how can one be sure?

Such things have made the Jewish community anxious, and they share anxieties about Britain, not just about their Jewish loyalties. One of the mistakes that xenophobic people make is to assume that loyalties usually conflict. More often, people who have one strong loyalty tend to accept other strong loyalties as well. Roman Catholics are loyal to the Pope; that seems to make them more and not less loyal to the Queen. Similarly Jews are loyal to their religion and people, but they are also more than usually loyal to Britain. As patriotic citizens of this country, they have the Jewish awareness of what can happen to a nation when it is weak. They do not feel the same fears for Britain that they feel for Israel, but many of them fear that Britain is a nation which faces a crisis of decline.

My own experience of the Jewish community is that it is one of the most valuable in Britain, certainly the most charitable, and highly productive of entrepreneurial businessmen whom we need, highly productive of intellectuals and artists, valuing education and the family, with a strong religious conscience, not least among non-observant Jews. Yet it is at present an anxious community; Christians in particular should give it all possible sympathy and support.

Or is it a death rattle?

David Hart hears distracting noises in the Tory jungle

In the days since John Major sacked his most loyal colleague and shuffled some of the rest of his cabinet, a new sound has emerged in the political jungle — the rustle of rattlesnakes in the dying grass. Senior Conservative contenders for the leadership manoeuvre for position. Each prepares to administer the fatal bite. Within moments of the reshuffle being announced, Kenneth Clarke's admirers put it about that he was now heir apparent, that he was unsackable as Chancellor and that it was only a matter of time before he became prime minister. Not to be outdone, Michael Howard, the new home secretary, who sees himself as of the right (not a view shared by all his right-wing colleagues), let it be known that he would mount a most formidable challenge to Mr Clarke. No wonder *The Times* reported on Wednesday that Mr Major was depressed.

The nation should be depressed too. All this shuffling and rustling and manoeuvring may be amusing to behold, but it is not governing. What the country needs is a government capable of creating an agenda that addresses the nation's more pressing problems. The people who pursue that agenda are less important than the agenda itself. Even poor Mr Major could make something of the business of government if he were prepared to lift his head from politics for a moment and ask himself what a British government should do in 1993.

First priority for any British government must be a wholesale re-examination of the size, scope and reach of the state. Until the first world war, the state rarely consumed more than 10 per cent of the wealth created by its citizens in any year. Today it consumes more than 45 per cent. Most of this growth can be attributed to state-provided welfare. Although it was the intention of its founders that the welfare state should alleviate poverty, today a significant proportion of taxpayers' money is spent topping up the incomes of the middle classes who, of course, make up the majority of taxpayers.

They and everyone else, including millionaires, are granted a state pension on the spurious rationalisation that a tax with the entirely suitable name of NICs (National Insurance Contributions) is in fact not a tax but an enforced pension contribution. They and everyone else, including millionaires, are also granted a weekly allowance from the state for each of their children, state-funded health care, state-funded discounts on mortgages and state-funded education for their children.

It is a sign of how depressingly fatuous the national debate has become on this issue that when Michael Portillo, whose job it is as chief secretary to the Treasury to try to control public spending, dared to suggest that it might be sensible to consider whether millionaires should remain entitled to state handouts, his words were greeted by howls of anguish not only from the usual suspects on the Labour front benches, but also from many of his own backbench colleagues.

The next problem that a British government truly interested in governing would consider is Britain's relationship with the rest of Europe. Mr Major returned from the Maastricht negotiations with his chest puffed out over his apparent victory over his European colleagues on the question of the social chapter. But within a few weeks of it becoming clear that the treaty would be ratified in Britain we have been ordered by our European partners to sign up for one of the social chapter's most baleful demands: the working time directive which orders that despite the wishes of the British government and most British businesses, employers can employ men and women for only 48 hours a week.

The third issue that should be faced is the question of Britain's place in the world. It is clear that Britain is not likely ever to become as economically competitive as the Japanese, most Pacific-basin countries or Germany. It is not that British people cannot work as hard or be as enterprising, it is simply that they are not prepared to make the same sacrifices in the interest of economic growth as the peoples of some other countries. They do not want the sort of society that produces such economic competitiveness.

That is not to say that we are economically backward. The British economy is still the fifth largest in the world. Where we are highly competitive internationally is in the military arts. British fighting men, despite the poor quality of some of their equipment, are as good as any in the world. Since the end of the Cold War it has been clear to all but a handful of Western leaders that the hoped-for peace dividend is a chimera and that the new world disorder will require much greater military effort. Britain has a unique contribution to make in this endeavour. A government facing reality and wanting Britain to maintain its global power status would be increasing defence spending rather than cutting it.

There does not appear to be much hope that a government will emerge, Conservative or Labour, with the clear-sightedness and courage to face these problems. Instead, it looks as though we are condemned to a period in our politics when the rustle of the rattlesnakes will dominate our political debate. The time of the rattlesnakes began with the destruction of Margaret Thatcher. It looks as if Mr Major will succumb to the mortal venom sooner rather than later. I would advise Kenneth Clarke to wear very thick leggings.

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Archer misses target

THE imminent takeover of the 125-year-old publisher Hodder & Stoughton by Headline, a seven-year-old upstart, may be good news for the future of Hodder, but it has aroused painful memories for one of its best known authors, Lord Archer. For Archer, it seems, liked his erstwhile publisher so much that he tried to buy it.

Five years ago, when rumours of a sale were first in the air, Archer admits he expressed his interest to Hodder's managing director Michael Attenborough: "If a sale was to come up, I wanted to be told. I wanted a part share. It was worth about £60 million then so obviously I could not have bought it outright. I would have needed help."

According to one former senior executive, however, Hodder was rather less than keen. "His interest was unwelcome. It would have put off other bestselling authors if an author like Archer owned a major shareholding. Our opposition to the idea was not based on the quality of his writing — Hodder has always been strong on mass-market fiction — but he already commanded huge royalties and advances. He is a very forceful character who was quite powerful enough already."

Archer betrays no bitterness. He may have switched publisher to HarperCollins in January and spent more than £2 million buying back the rights to nine of his titles, but he still holds Hodder in high regard. "It is a jolly fine firm run by great people. I am a great admirer," he says. "But I don't regret it now. I bought a theatre instead."

● *Robin Leigh-Pemberton is making provision for his retirement as governor of the Bank of England at the end of the month, when he will lose the use of the bank's flat in the City. The Kent landowner has been spotted flat-hunting in London's Docklands. His demands, however, appear to be modest — he is looking in the £100,000 price-bracket. A little more and he could have most of the Isle of Dogs.*

Gum-shield

OUR SAINTLY environment secretary may have got the job by default after Norman Lamont turned it down, but John Gummer will be no shrinking violet in his new post. It was Gummer, after all, whose battling response to the "mad cow" scare was to persuade his young daughter to eat burgers in front of the television cameras.

But now environment officials are concerned that Gummer may channel that zeal into reversing a number of decisions that went, or were going, the DoE's and Michael Howard's way — at the expense of Gummer and the Min of Ag.

By switching sides, of course, Gummer now stands to benefit from some of his earlier setbacks. At agriculture he tried but failed to grab some of the powers proposed for the Environment Agency, a new pollution watchdog. Will he now hand them over to Gillian Shephard? And will the DoE now find itself applauding moves to extend the system of paying farmers not to apply excessive nitrogen? Until Gummer, the DoE's philosophy has always been that the polluter pays, rather than gets paid.

With so many potential policy pitfalls ahead, the gaffe-prone minister will clearly need all his wits about him. He has not made the best of starts, having already got his greenhouse effect and ozone layers confused. "He needs to get his feet on the ground but his head seems to be in the clouds," says a distinctly unimpressed Andrew Lees, campaigns director for Friends of the Earth. Meanwhile, the Gummer children are already looking forward to their summer holiday — on the beaches at Sellafield.

Sheikh a leg

DAVID MELLOR is renewing his Middle Eastern links. Five years after enjoying the hospitality of Sheikh Zayed in Abu Dhabi, Mellor will fly to Dubai next year, to make the keynote address at Gulf '94, a conference designed to promote trade between the Gulf states and the West.

Edmund O'Sullivan, editor of *Middle East Economic Digest*, which is organising the conference, is delighted to have secured the former minister for fun. "He did a great job for the Middle East as Foreign Office minister, and later at the Home Office during the Gulf war. People here regard him highly."

Reassuringly for Mellor, his stormy year in 1992 has not affected his image among his Middle Eastern fans: "People would have to be deaf, dumb and blind not to have noticed all that, but I think they have a good idea of the British press and have ignored it. It certainly didn't put us off."

Frozen parts

SCIENCE has taken a significant step forward. Sir Ranulph Fiennes has given the underwear that he wore on his Antarctic expedition to the Royal Geographical Society. His smalls, along with the other clothes he wore on the trip, will adorn a mannequin, which will go on permanent display from next week.

Fiennes, who had only one set of clothes for the 1,345-mile trip, discarded his boxer shorts after three days, after which he wore longjohns, which he took the precaution of sending to the society in a sealed plastic bag marked "Ran's undies". House manager Denise Prior, keen not to risk offending more delicate society members, ran them once again through the washing machine and hung them up to dry in the society's garden.

The clothes join a motley but intriguing collection of explorers' memorabilia, including Lord Kitchener's black leather glove, Henry Morton Stanley's boots and Dr David Livingstone's cap. Fiennes is pleased his longjohns will be in such august company, although he remains modest. "I doubt anyone will be really interested in my underwear. But I think future generations will be interested in the clothes we wore. Our jackets, for example, have not changed for 50 years."

● *The Green Dragon museum in Stockton-on-Tees and the Science Museum in London are removing all their portraits of John Walker, 19th-century inventor of the safety match, after discovering that they show another man. But one portrait of the wrong John Walker — a tragic actor from Middlesex — will remain: the 1977 bust displayed in the Castle shopping centre. "We know it's not the right man, but we're just putting the difference down to artistic licence," says the centre's manager Peter Cliff.*

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WAR IN THE CLASSROOM

The head teachers have vindicated John Patten's tough stance

Now that the National Association of Head Teachers has declared its total opposition to all national testing and school league tables, the battle over educational philosophy may be properly joined. So long as the pretence remained that teachers' spokesmen were engaged in constructive criticism of particular tests, but did not reject the concept of testing, the education secretary could be castigated for refusing to listen to professional advice. But it has now become clear that useful dialogue between the teaching lobby and the government was never possible on this subject.

Resistance to English tests for fourteen year olds was simply a preliminary to a campaign to eliminate any standardised national curriculum testing. Mr Patten's reluctance to waste time in negotiating over details has been vindicated. The education secretary made concessions over many of the most contentious points which allegedly provoked the teachers' opposition. He took "value added" — the amount by which pupils have progressed — into account in league tables. He slimmed down the inflated national curriculum. He thereby cleared the way for a straight confrontation on the principle of testing itself.

The most vital questions for the future of education can no longer be dodged. Do parents have a right to systematic information — as opposed to anecdotes and local gossip — which would allow them to make comparisons between the performance of different schools? How can a democratic society judge the quality of its educational provision?

The NAHT has already given its own answers. Its members will effectively sabotage any collation of data which might make it clear that one school with a similar catchment area and social profile to another is achieving superior results. By this stance, they are placing themselves on the side of a producer-dominated service which repudiates the most useful forms of public accountability.

Mr David Hart, general secretary of the NAHT, has said that if the government persists in its policy for national testing at seven and fourteen — even on a reduced programme in English, maths and science — then a continued boycott by the teaching unions will be likely. Any government proposal to establish a basic national minimum of proficiency and knowledge will, it seems, be thwarted.

Mr Hart maintains, as have most official teachers' spokesmen, that schools themselves must be left to decide when and how to assess their own pupils, however widely their criteria may vary. What teachers are resisting is any objective evaluation of either the progress of pupils or the effectiveness of their own methods. Such a rejection of objective standards is a fundamental tenet of the approach to teaching promulgated in the colleges of education whose overweening influence Mr Patten rightly wishes to diminish.

The government's proposal, announced at the NAHT conference yesterday, for taking more of the training of primary school teachers out of the colleges and putting it into practising classrooms, is a sensible step. But he must still resolve his problems with the present generation of teachers. What is called for now, since his antagonists are out in the open, is a more pugnacious approach. Mr Patten should make his case without apology or appeasement.

EXPEDIENCY OR JUSTICE

Winnie Mandela's light sentence is an ill omen for South Africa

The South African Government and the African National Congress undoubtedly shared a sense of relief yesterday when the Appellate Division of South Africa's Supreme Court decided that the crime of kidnap and assault merited nothing more than a slap on the wrist. For the wrist belonged to Mrs Winnie Mandela, whose involvement in the kidnapping and indirectly in the murderous assault on a young black teenage activist, Stompie Moeketsi Seipei, has proved equally embarrassing both to her estranged husband and to President de Klerk.

The capacity of the fallen "mother of the nation" to inflame the passions of her young radical followers is well proved. Politicians feared that her committal to prison could have sparked a riot which would have endangered the present delicate constitutional negotiations and the authority of the ANC's moderate leadership. It is to be hoped that those fears did not similarly exercise the court. If they did, then a much greater fear should occupy those who care about South Africa's long term future: that the rule of political expediency which so stained its past will similarly corrupt its future.

South Africa's democratic traditions have long been traditions of style rather than substance. After more than 40 years of repression by apartheid, of ethnic government and patronage, not much more than the shell remains. During the dark years of apartheid, however, the often lonely guardians of those traditions were an embattled press, the universities and, on occasions, the judiciary. Indeed, although the lower courts — speckled with political appointments — were capable of notorious judgments, the appellate divison proved itself more often than not stubbornly immune to political contagion.

It seems now that, with a few honourable exceptions, the press and the universities, which stood up so valiantly to the illiberal attentions of the Nationalist Government, are proving less vigilant when vigilance is needed all the more. If a climate of tolerance is to grow in the new South Africa, their continued rigour is essential. Instead, intimidation of journalists and of university councils by the mob, and a confusion about liberal principles, have helped to weaken the spine of these lesser guardians of liberty.

The main custodian of freedom remains the judiciary — and its role will be even more important under a new constitution in which freedom of the individual will be enshrined and guarded by a justiciable Bill of Rights. Chief among them is the right to dissent without fear of persecution by either the state or the mob.

In 1989, Stompie Moeketsi Seipei dissented — and was kidnapped, assaulted and murdered for his pains. Yesterday, the woman found guilty of his kidnapping and assault was fined the equivalent of £3,000 and ordered to pay compensation to the three surviving victims of the kidnap. This sentence was passed by the judges who will be charged with guarding the rights of the individual in the new South Africa. The spirit of intolerance which today has South Africa on the rack will smile. Individual South Africans will have much to ponder — and to fear.

DEAR DIARY

Political diaries bring good cheer — at least to most of us

The political diarist is prone to many failings. He exaggerates his own role in the great events of national life, his memory is frequently at fault, his accounts are partial and he is blatantly unfair on his contemporaries by claiming history's last word. Perhaps that is why we enjoy him so much.

Diaries, like journalism, may only represent the first draft of history, but scholarly works cannot be constructed without the diarists' rough-hewn building blocks. History unleavened by anecdote, unilluminated by first hand witness or gossip, is itself likely to be turgid and consigned to history's dustbin. The frank and vivid diaries of former Tory Minister Alan Clark, whose extracts we publish today, will be attacked by his contemporaries. Many of those criticisms will be just, or will certainly seem so to some journalists who are described by him in unflattering lights. But the publication must be welcomed — not just because of the entertainment they bring but because of the insights they provide into contemporary politics, including the most dramatic political event of the 1980s, Mrs Thatcher's fall from power. If today's extract reads like melodrama, that is perhaps because it was.

Diaries began to take on a peculiar significance in English literature during the 17th century. The Renaissance cult of the individual aided the process while the Reformation promoted the writing of personal confession in which the author is forced to come to terms with himself and his relationship to God and his or her fellow man. The diarist has come to perform an important function by illuminating character and in recreating the psychological background to the decisions of life.

Samuel Pepys's purely private and unselfconscious diaries, which provide both good gossip and good history, remain the benchmark for critical judgment. Part of the attraction lies in the author's presentation of his inner self as sinner and saint. Backstairs gossip and personality are the red meat of politics — in any age.

Alan Clark's foibles with women have been avidly taken up by television and the press. But his anecdotes about everyday hubris and nemesis in political life may provide provide more satisfying fare. It is their confessional nature which opens him to attack and therein lies their appeal. In the modern age, politicians of the Thatcher years have seldom admitted to personal failings in their memoirs. Everyone knows that Herbert Asquith was drunk in the House of Commons and that Winston Churchill consumed a stupendous quantity of alcohol, starting with champagne at breakfast and ending with bottles of brandy at dawn, but few recent politicians have admitted to overindulgence at the dispatch box — as does Mr Clark in an extract to be published in *The Times* tomorrow.

Mr Clark's narratives of triumphs and disasters, his waspish account of London political society, and the politician's terror of civil servants exert a fascination all of their own. History will judge whether Mr Clark is the villain or hero of his own work and an accurate observer of his times. As he admits himself, to publish his diaries in his own lifetime, written, as he claims on the day of events recorded, "is a baring, if not a flaunting of the ego". It will invite a venomous response. But in the meantime, Mr Clark has performed the invaluable service of cheering us all up and giving us something to talk about.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Government good faith and Rosyth

From Lord Younger of Prestwick

Sir, The government will soon be making a decision as to whether to maintain its intention of refitting our nuclear submarines at Rosyth. I believe that the financial and operational case for doing so is now clear, as is the strong case for concentrating our refitting of surface warships at Devonport.

There is now, therefore, a clear opportunity to confirm a long-term role for both Rosyth and Devonport which will serve the Royal Navy well and safeguard thousands of jobs in both locations.

Before a final decision is taken, I feel I must remind all concerned of a matter of good faith which is involved here.

I fought long and hard, first as Secretary of State for Scotland and then as Secretary of State for Defence, to persuade public opinion in Scotland to accept, however reluctantly, that Britain's base for the nuclear deterrent would be at Faslane on the Clyde.

One of the most powerful arguments which I deployed was that there would obviously be many jobs for Scotland associated with operating and maintaining the submarines. I know that many in Scotland would therefore feel badly let down if a major part of these jobs were now to be removed from Scotland.

I hope it will be understood that I would find it impossible to support such a move as my good faith would clearly be called into question.

Yours faithfully,
YOUNGER of PRESTWICK,
House of Lords.
June 2.

Christians and divorce

From Mr David Watson

Sir, From the Archbishop of Canterbury's recent pronouncement on divorce, that it "may not be a bad thing" (report, May 27), perhaps we can better understand his "plastic" approach to the Seventh Commandment.

Of course Margaret Brown, the synod member quoted in the report, is right: the Bible unequivocally teaches that re-marriage after divorce is adultery. The problem for ordinary Christians is to know which rules (if any) are bendable, and which goalposts moveable — and by whom.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID WATSON,
31 Harold Heading Close,
Chatteris, Cambridgeshire.
May 27.

From Professor Sir Bryan Thwaites

Sir, The Archbishop of Canterbury passed by a marvellous opportunity for a positive and constructive homily, this time on the temporal and spiritual values of life-long marriage, in favour of a muddled mixture of social reality and "traditional morality" (whatever that may mean).

How sad it is that he does not realise that the lack of unambiguous Christian conviction and of its practical teaching is driving increasing numbers of life-long Anglicans like myself into the Roman Catholic Church, whose bishops and priests do not hesitate to lead their flock to eternal truths.

Yours faithfully,
BRYAN THWAITES,
Milnthorpe,
Winchester, Hampshire.
May 27.

Cash for physics

From Professor D. H. Saxon

Sir, You correctly point out (report, May 26) the damage done by the premature closure of the Nuclear Structure Facility at Daresbury but the spend by Britain on facilities for our use at Cern, the European particle physics laboratory, is £54.7 million this year, not £60 million as stated in your earlier editions.

A cost reduction of £3 million was obtained, largely through the efforts of British delegates. Some of this has been returned to be spent in the field in the UK. The spend by the Science and Engineering Research Council on nuclear structure this year is £6.3 million, not £3 million as stated.

Yours sincerely,
D. H. SAXON,
University of Glasgow,
Department of Physics
and Astronomy,
Glasgow G12 8QQ.
May 26.

Plain news

From Mr Simon Wilson

Sir, Seeing again on TV the Coronation as recorded by Pathé News reminded me how far in some respects news reporting has come (or gone) in 40 years. How remarkable was the Pathé enthusiasm and how refreshing the absence of gloom and doom and of any hint of political "statement".

Yours faithfully,
SIMON WILSON,
27 Juer Street, SW11.
June 1.

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Immigration and race relations

From Mr R. K. D. Shah

Sir, Mr Winston Churchill, MP (letter, June 1) wants a "factual and unemotional" discussion on immigration but he has fallen foul of his own prescription. When his original assertion about the ethnic population component of some northern cities was proved to be wrong he quickly shifted his ground by saying that he was referring to inner-city areas of those cities only.

Then he claims to have "eschewed any emotive language" in his original address, but the very expression "relentless flow" in your report (May 31) of his speech is an example of such language. It conjures up the picture of an unstoppable tide of people clamouring to get into the country without any justification, which is simply not true.

Of course there is a continuing flow of immigrants, but that has to be measured against a whole lot of other factors and statistics, including those relating to emigration, and the term "immigrants" has to be properly defined in this context.

Mr Churchill appears to be concerned only with immigrants from "Asia and Africa", ignoring immigration from other sources and the fact that "primary immigration" is a thing of the past.

Most important, he forgets that "maintenance of the liberal democracy which is the basis of our society" demands that families should be united and children, spouses and intended spouses allowed into the country on that ground alone.

Above all, the historical and global aspects of the subject require dispassionate and informed discussion. That can come about only when preconceptions and prejudice are cast aside in favour of a receptive and rational frame of mind on all sides.

Mr Churchill's remarks, alas, may hinder rather than facilitate this process and give rise to some undesirable side-effects.

Yours truly,
RAMNIK SHAH,
Preuveneers & Co
(Solicitors and notaries),
Elm House, 113-115 London Road,
Mitcham, Surrey.
June 2.

From Mr Miles K. Wynn Cato

Sir, Immigrants may account for only 5.5 per cent of the British population, but we are constantly told that we now live in a truly "multiracial" society, the implication of which is that the great majority must change the way they think, behave and above all speak in deference to the tiny minority.

Not to do so is to break the taboo which surrounds the whole issue of race and Winston Churchill's courageous speech (or "tasteless outburst" as you would have it in your leader of May 31) has only served to throw the cowardice and hypocrisy of the Conservative party into sharp relief.

"Primary immigration" may have slowed but it is quite extraordinary that we still allow over 50,000 immigrants to settle here each year. This is a very overcrowded island and the government continues to ignore the deep-rooted concerns about immigration and to allow the tyrannies of "multiculturalism" to be forced upon the British people.

Yours faithfully,
MILES CATO,
Lantern Thatch, Clavering,
Saffron Walden, Essex.

From Mr Gulab Mistry

Sir, I am not prepared to believe that any right-thinking member of the Asian community could have supported the views expressed by Mr Churchill as his letter claims. We Indians have suffered enough onslaughts on our dignity, being periodically reminded about our numbers, counted with reference to colour.

Most of our parents have never known any other nationality than British. Many of us were born, bred and educated in this country, yet despite our efforts to integrate into British society we are frequently described as "immigrants". Should we not be referred to as, say, "British Indians", if labels are required to define Britons?

Yours faithfully,
GULAB MISTRY
(Secretary),
Brent Indian Association,
Community Centre,
116 Ealing Road,
Wembley, Middlesex.

Financial cutbacks

From Mr C. P. R. Dubois

Sir, The soundings made by the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Mr Portillo, on areas for possible cutback (letters, May 27) would surely command more sympathy if the government gave the impression that appropriate care was being devoted to a careful analysis of funding anomalies and specific areas for potential savings.

A clear case in point is medical research. In 1991-2 some £15 million was devoted to research on Aids through the Medical Research Council, the government's major medical research funding body, compared with only £1.6 million for breast cancer. However some 140,000 people in the UK have died from the latter over the last ten years, compared with about 4,000 from Aids.

The cost to the NHS of medical treatment for breast cancer sufferers (the UK has one of the world's highest incidence rates) is substantial and the discrepancy in resource allocation for research is all the more striking.

An indication that efforts are being made to address such anomalies, apart from resulting in actual savings, might help to convince voters that cuts in expenditure are not going to be made in a manner which is either purely arbitrary or dictated, perhaps, by the relative political influence of individual ministers.

Yours faithfully,
C. P. R. DUBOIS,
Regency Cottage, The Pound,
Cookham, Berkshire.
May 27.

From Mr Correlli Barnett

Sir, With regard to current agonising over the cost of the handout state, the government may be interested in the warning given to Winston Churchill in November 1942 by the then Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Kingsley Wood, when the War Cabinet was pondering whether or not to publish the original Beveridge report as a white paper. Wood wrote:

> The scheme is presented as contributory but like the existing system depends on a deficiency grant, which will grow in the course of time to immense proportions, from the general taxpayer...

In January 1943, after the Beveridge report had indeed been published to enormous popular acclaim, Wood warned again:

> Acceptance of the complete plan involves a contract with many millions of beneficiaries, the continued fulfilment of which would properly have to be, in good times or bad times alike, a prior charge upon the national resources...

Nevertheless, Beveridge and his report prevailed over Wood and his all-too-accurate prophecies (and indeed Winston Churchill's own misgivings), and the wartime coalition government committed itself to creating a Beveridge-style welfare state after the war.

From this calamitous first step flowed the ultimate consequences (as foreseen by Kingsley Wood) with which the present government is now having to deal.

Yours faithfully,
CORRELLI BARNETT,
Churchill College, Cambridge.
May 24.

Hospital safeguards

From the General Secretary of the British Association of Social Workers

Sir, The call for a public enquiry into the Beverly Allitt case (letters, May 21, 26) is very understandable but must be resisted.

Formal enquiries into matters of concern in public agencies must aim not only to reach the truth in the most effective and least expensive way possible, but also to enable the organisation under review to continue to function and to learn from past mistakes.

Our experience is that enquiries in public put the maximum pressure on the witnesses, cause the maximum long-term damage to the agency under review, and encourage the worst form of ritual behaviour by lawyers. They are the most expensive form of enquiry and are no more effective at determining the truth than any other.

The public interest in truth must take precedence over the public thirst for revenge. The Secretary of State's proposal for a private enquiry with a published report deserves the widest support.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID N. JONES,
General Secretary,
British Association of Social Workers,
16 Kent Street, Birmingham 5.
May 25.

Working for export

From Mr David J. Woodhead

Sir, You are right to call (leading article, May 31) for the protection of the BBC World Service and the British Council from Foreign Office economies (letters, May 24, 31). But curtailing any part of our representation abroad risks damaging the advancement of British influence.

Those who represent British education at overseas exhibitions know that essential support for our efforts comes from British embassies and consuls-general as well as from the British Council.

In Germany, for example, consuls-general appear to be having to assume some of the British Council's role as representation in the south is cut back.

Huge sums are brought into Britain by overseas students' fees; British independent schools alone earn at least £130 million per year in foreign currency.

The long-term benefits to Britain in hosting thousands of young foreigners during part of their education, often fostered by our diplomatic representatives, are less easily quantified but no less important.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID J. WOODHEAD
(National Director),
Independent Schools
Information Service,
56 Buckingham Gate, SW1.

Lloyd's lessons on bankruptcy

From the Chief Executive of the Bankruptcy Association of Great Britain and Ireland

Sir, I have read with interest your reports of June 1 and 2 that many Tory MPs face huge losses at Lloyd's and may face bankruptcy.

The fact is that Lloyd's hardship committee will not bankrupt any of their names, MPs or otherwise. The hardship committee have devised a system to keep their names in lifelong penury as a preferable alternative (for Lloyd's).

However, some members of our association who are Lloyd's names have chosen bankruptcy as preferable to the terms on offer from the Lloyd's hardship committee — who are after their pound of flesh. No Tory MP has contacted our association for help yet, though we do have one Tory party political agent as a member because of Lloyd's losses.

Bankrupt doctors and dentists (and there are many) can continue to practise medicine and dentistry. Bankrupt airline pilots (there are quite a few) can fly their Boeings with hundreds of people on board across the Atlantic. Teachers can continue to teach and book-keepers continue to keep books. But a bankrupt cannot sell insurance, practise law, or be an MP.

This curious state of affairs would not exist if those Tory MPs now facing possible extinction had introduced more humane changes into the last bankruptcy law reforms and removed these arbitrary and draconian restrictions on certain occupations.

I for one would be only too happy to be represented by a bankrupt MP, just as I have no aversion to having a tooth extracted by a bankrupt dentist.

With nearly 100,000 of the finest, most talented people in our country now enduring the indignities of bankruptcy (which treats them all as crooks) perhaps we should go much further and eliminate bankruptcy as a system altogether — except for those who commit criminal acts.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN McQUEEN,
Chief Executive,
The Bankruptcy Association
of Great Britain and Ireland,
4 Johnson Close,
Abraham Heights, Lancaster.
June 2.

Confidence in self

From Mr William Murphy

Sir, Having had tête-à-têtes with several thousand of both sexes during my many years as a psychotherapist, I find that women, being realists, tend to ignore their accomplishments and focus on their failures while men, the fantasists, do the converse (letters about women at Oxford, May 31).

As self-image is crucial to our performance this disparity, I have no doubt, has and I fear always will have adverse effects on the ability of women to manage that extra 10 per cent.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM MURPHY,
48 Keppel Road,
Rotherham,
South Yorkshire.
June 1.

Information, please

From Dr Myer Goldman

Sir, I was one of the motorists unfortunate enough to be travelling down the M6 on the Friday before bank holiday. Having suffered from the traffic thrombosis which you reported (May 29) as a 40-mile tailback, I had plenty of time to reflect on the appalling lack of information provided about these problems.

Before leaving home I had looked at Ceefax — no information about the M6. We listened to Radio 4 (long-wave, which covers the country): again, no information, just one motoring problem noted somewhere in the south. And whatever happened to the illuminated bulletin boards which we were promised to give advance notice of hold-ups? Not one did we see.

All these omissions could be rectified at relatively low cost which would enable those with maps to take evasive action. Surely it is not too much to expect a traffic update on Radio 4 after each hourly news bulletin. Nor should we have to wait for motorway tolls before the dissemination of traffic information is taken seriously.

Yours wearily,
MYER GOLDMAN,
36 Druids Cross Gardens,
Liverpool 18.

A second chance?

From Mr Orlando Murrin

Sir, A new traffic sign pointing at the main gate of Brompton Cemetery directs one towards "Recycling Facilities". Is this a daring new venture by the green movement or to do with reincarnation?

Yours truly,
ORLANDO MURRIN,
St Frideswide's Cottage,
Knighton,
Near Shrivenham, Wiltshire.
June 1.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

June 2: The Master, Wardens and Clerk to the Worshipful Company of Gardeners were received by The Queen and presented a bouquet of flowers to commemorate Her Majesty's Coronation.

The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, accompanied by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, The Prince of Wales, Princess Alexandra and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, honoured Epsom Races with her presence today.

The Ladies and Gentlemen of the Households in Waiting were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, Navy Records Society, this evening attended a Reception at St James's Palace followed by a dinner at the Athenaeum Club, Pall Mall, London SW1.

Wing Commander Christopher Moran, RAF, was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

June 2: The Prince Edward this evening attended *Vivat Regina*, a Coronation Day Celebration Dinner, in support of the Stars Organisation Supporting Action for People with Cerebral Palsy, the Cafe Royal, 68 Regent Street, London W1.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

June 2: The Princess Royal, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, today launched the Directory of Services for Carers, Diocesan Centre, Bangor, and was received by Lieutenant Commander Richard Richards, RN (Vice Lord Lieutenant of Gwynedd).

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

June 2: The Prince of Wales this evening attended a dinner in aid of the London Library 150th anniversary appeal, Christie's, London SW1.

Miss Belinda Harley was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

June 2: The Princess of Wales today visited Taunton and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Somerset (Captain Walter Luttrell).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Pre-School Playgroups Association, this morning visited the Taunton Opportunity Playgroup, Northfields, Bishop's Hull.

The Princess of Wales this afternoon visited St Margaret's Somerset Hospice, Heron Drive, Bishop's Hull.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Relate, later visited Thomas Deane and West Somerset Museum, 3 Upper High Street.

The Lady Sarah McCorquodale and Captain Edward Mercer-Nairn were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE

June 2: The Duke of Kent this morning visited the Royal Bath and West of England Show at the showground, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, and was met on arrival by the Vice-Lord Lieutenant of Somerset (Captain David Tudway Quilter).

Captain the Honourable Tom Coke was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, President, this evening attended a performance of *La Bohème* given by the Pavilion Opera Company in aid of Homelife at the Merchant Taylors' Hall, Threadneedle Street, London EC1.

Mrs David Napier was in attendance.

Royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will inspect the Yeoman of The Queen's Body Guard at Buckingham Palace at 11.30; and will attend a concert and reception at Drapers' Hall at 6.45 to mark the tercentenary of the College of William and Mary in Virginia.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as President of the National Playing Fields Association, will attend the diamond anniversary luncheon at the Waldorf Hotel at 12.30; and, as president, will attend a reception to mark the 75th anniversary of the ESU at Guildhall at 6.30.

The Prince of Wales, as President of The Prince's Youth Business Trust, will present the prizes at the *Reader's Digest*/PYBT 1993 awards at BAFTA at noon, and will take the salute at the Household Division beating retreat on Horse Guards at 8.15.

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the London City Ballet, will attend a gala evening at Kensington Palace at 7.00.

The Princess Royal, as Colonel-in-Chief of The Royal Logistic Corps, will attend a luncheon with commanding officers at Blackdown Barracks at 11.40.

Princess Margaret will open Anglian Water's new water tower at Hillington, Norfolk, at 3.35.

The Duke of Kent, as patron, will visit the National Army Museum at 2.15.

The Duchess of Kent will visit the Suffolk Agricultural Association's show at the showground, Buckleham Road, Ipswich, at 11.10.

Princess Alexandra will attend a recital and dinner at the Royal College of Music at 7.20 to mark the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the House of Lords.

University news

Cambridge

Peterhouse

The following elections have been made:

Official Fellowship — Imre Bennett Leader, Christopher David Rielly.

Supernumerary fellowship — Jonathan Edward Bound Shepard, Alasdair John Milbank.

Liverpool

Dr Maggie Pearson to be Professor of Health and Community Care following the endowment of a new Chair of Health and Community Care by Mersey Regional Health Authority. She will also head a Regional Health Authority Research Unit to be set up to establish research programmes into primary and community care.

Exeter

Edzard Ernst is to be Europe's first Professor of Complementary Medicine.

Royal Society of Medicine

The following to be elected Fellows of the society:

Professor K D Bagshawe, Professor O I Bjarnemark, Professor R G Edwards, Professor V Z Gorkin, Dr G L Keefe, Professor H D Janowitz, Dr I J Kopin, Professor I M Roitt, R N Thorneycroft, Sir D I Williams.

Flexible friend: James Chedburn, an automata designer, shows off Irgo, the mascot for the robot Olympic games, which are to be held in Glasgow in September. More than 500 robots, ranging from thumbnail size to almost two tons in weight, will demonstrate everything from opera singing to sheep shearing (Gillian Bowditch writes).

The three-day event is the brainchild of Dr Peter Mowforth, research director of Glasgow's Turing Institute, a centre for artificial intelligence. "As far as technologically possible, the championships will strive to emulate the human Olympics with almost identical events, judging, national anthems, medals and an official torch," he says. The Turing Institute's own robot, Richard, a robot head with no body which has been developed for surveillance purposes, will commentate and the event will be televised by Channel Four.

Competitions will include javelin throwing, high jump, hurdles, table tennis, sumo and synchronised dancing. The Australians are promising a robot that shears sheep.

Dr Mowforth says that behind the event lies a serious message about the state of robot technology and the commercial uses for robots. The exhibition will include displays of healthcare robots, space robots and robots for use in hostile environments. He also hopes to be able to display one of the robots used in the aftermath of the Chernobyl explosion.

Birthdays today

Mr P.J. Attenborough, publisher, 57; Sir Robin Black, diplomat, 87; Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, 73; Mr Patrick Cargill, actor, 75; the Earl of Cromer, 47; Mr Tony Curtis, actor, 68; Professor Richard D'Aeth, former president, Hughes Hall, Cambridge, 81; Mr Vincent E. Davies, Indian civil servant, 90; Mrs Sheila Faith, former MP and MEP, 65; Professor R.N. Franklin, Vice-Chancellor, City University, 58; General Sir Michael Gow, 69; Air Marshal Sir John Harris, 55; Professor Michael Jaffé, former director, Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, 70; Mrs June Lawrance, headmistress, Harrogate Ladies College, 60; Viscount Massereene and Ferrard, 53; Sir Harry Pitt, former Vice-Chancellor, Reading University, 79; Miss Anita Pollack, MEP, 47; M Alain Resnais, film director, 71; Mr Wilfred Thesiger, explorer and writer, 83; the Most Rev Thomas Winning, Archbishop of Glasgow, 68.

Appointments

Dr Roy Reynolds, former Managing Director of Shell UK Oil, to be Chief Executive (Designate) of the Commonwealth Development Corporation.

He will succeed the present chief executive, John Eccles, in May next year.

Jack Baer, Viscountess Cobham and Richard Foster to be members of the Museums and Galleries Commission.

Sir Michael Bunbury has been appointed to the Council of the Duchy of Lancaster.

Royal Society of Chemistry

The Royal Society of Chemistry has made the following awards:

Professor K Bartle, University of Leeds, for Analytical Separation Methods, sponsored by Roche Products Ltd; Professor M Comisarow, University of British Columbia, Canada, for Chemical Analysis and Instrumentation, sponsored by Perkin-Elmer Ltd; Mr G Woods, Monmouth School, for Chemical Education, sponsored by SmithKline Beecham Pharmaceuticals; Dr C J Pickett, University of Sussex, for Chemistry and Electrochemistry of Transition Metals, sponsored by Inco Europe Ltd; Professor J B Jones, University of Toronto, Canada, for Enzyme Chemistry — The Charmian Medal, sponsored by Lilly Research Centre Ltd; Professor O Meth-Cohn, University of Sunderland, for Heterocyclic Chemistry, sponsored by Pfizers plc Pharmaceutical Division; Dr D J Milner, Zeneca Specialities, for Industrial Chemistry, sponsored by Harcros Chemical Group; Professor P J Sadler, Birkbeck College, London, for Inorganic Biochemistry, sponsored by Chapman & Hall; Dr J M Brown, University of Oxford, for Organometallic Chemistry, sponsored by Monsanto; Professor C R A Catlow, The Royal Institution, London, for Solid State Chemistry, sponsored by Johnson Matthey plc; Professor A J McCaffery, University of Sussex, for Spectroscopy, sponsored by Varian NMR Division; Professor G Lowe, University of Oxford, for Stereochemistry, sponsored by Glaxo Group Research Ltd; Professor M Moskovits, University of Toronto, Canada, for Surface and Colloid Chemistry, sponsored by Unilever Research; Professor G Pattenden, University of Nottingham, for Synthetic Organic Chemistry, sponsored by CIBA-GEIGY plc; Dr J Gernat, University of Bristol, for Theoretical and Computational Chemistry, sponsored by Pergamon Press plc.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: James Hutton, geologist, Edinburgh, 1726; Sydney Smith, clergyman and wit, Woodford, Essex, 1771; Richard Cobden, "apostle of free trade", Heyshott, Sussex, 1804; James Wilson, politician, Hawick, 1805; Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States in the American Civil War, Fairview, Kentucky, 1808; King George V, reigned 1910-36, Marlborough House, London, 1865; Otto Loewi, physician, Nobel laureate 1936, Frankfurt am Main, 1873; Raoul Dufy, painter, Le Havre, 1877; Georg von Bekesy, physician, Nobel laureate 1961, Budapest, 1899; Josephine Baker, singer, St Louis, Missouri, 1906.

DEATHS: William Harvey, physician, Saffron Walden, Essex, 1657; Georges Bizet, composer, Bougival, France, 1875; James Thomson, poet, London, 1882; Samuel Plimsoll, "the sailors' friend", Folkestone, 1898; Johann Strauss the Younger, composer of "The Blue Danube", Vienna, 1899; Franz Kafka, writer, Kierling, Austria, 1924; Angelo Roncalli, Pope John XXIII 1958-63, Rome, 1963; Andrés Segovia, guitarist, Madrid, 1987.

The Duke of Windsor married Mrs Wallis Simpson, 1937.

Third-class travel on British Railways ended, 1956.

Latest wills

Sir Hugh Walter Kingwell Wontner, of Hedsor, Bucks, president and former chairman and managing director of the Savoy Group, left estate valued at £2,598,923 net.

He left his shares and stock in Milbourne Investments Ltd, or any issued in substitution, to the Sir Hugh Wontner's Charitable Trust.

Professor Ilie Neunstadt, of Leicester, Emerius Professor of Sociology at Leicester University, left estate valued at £277,865 net.

He left £5,000 for the benefit of the Department of Sociology at the University of Leicester, and/or its students, and £500 each to the Jewish Welfare Board and Oxfam.

Lady Tatiana Reid, of Arrington, Cambs, widow of Sir Edward James Reid, left estate valued at £993,484 net.

Miss Evelyn Mary Roadnight Roper, of Padbury, Bucks, left estate valued at £884,403 net.

She left bequests and persoal legacies totalling £197,000, and the residue to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

Ailwyn Edward Fellowes, 3rd Baron De Ramsey, of Huntingdon, Cambs, the agriculturist and President of the Country Landowners Association 1963-65, left estate valued at £2,752,591 net.

He left £2,000 to the "trustees of my charitable trust", and £1,000 to the Cambridge University for the botanic gardens.

Mrs Ivy Ethel Swanson, of Boscombe, Dorset, left estate valued at £517,939 net.

She left £1,000 to personal legatees, and the residue to the RNLI, to provide a lifeboat to be named *George and Ivy Swanson* to be used at Eastbourne.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Mrs Honorah Dawne Christian, of Tonbridge, Kent..... £707,835

Forthcoming marriages

The Lord Biddulph and The Hon Sian Gibson-Watt
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of the late Lord Biddulph and The Lady Biddulph, of Makerstoun, Roxburghshire, and Sian, daughter of Lord and Lady Gibson-Watt, of Doldowlod, Radnorshire.

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The engagement is announced between Dan, son of Mr and Mrs H.K.P. Chavasse, of Cappagh, Co Waterford, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs C.E. Nailor, of Tonbridge, Kent.

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Mr C.J. Drew and Miss R.M. Marson
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The engagement is announced between Peter Truelove, of the Butts, Brentford, Middlesex, and Ann Clift, of Cheyne Walk, Chelsea.

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Marriages

Mr D. Jones and Dr R. Butterworth
The marriage took place quietly in Shropshire on May 29, of Mr Derek Jones to Dr Rosalind Butterworth.

Mr S.R.H. Lamb and Miss S.M. Turner
The marriage took place on May 22, at the Parish Church, Lamerton-By-Fowey, of Mr Stephen Lamb, son of the Hon Kenneth and Mrs Lamb, of South Kensington, London, and Miss Sue Turner, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.J. Turner, of Clevedon, Avon.

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The following have been elected officers of the Gardeners' Company for the ensuing year:

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Mrs Helen Wilde

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Helen Wilde, MBE, founder of the Friends of the Asthma Research Council, now known as the National Asthma Campaign, will be held in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, at noon on Wednesday, July 14, 1993. Those intending to be present at the service are asked to apply in writing for tickets, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, to: Beryl Schirn, Cleveland, Grange Road, Cookham, SL6 9TF. Tickets will be posted on June 30, 1993.

Reception

Old Mercers' Club

A plaque commemorating Mercers' School, 1542-1959, was unveiled by the Hon H.W. Palmer, Master of the Mercers' Company, at a reception given by the Old Mercers' Club yesterday evening at Barnard's Inn, Holborn. Mr J. Bird, president of the club, and the Wardens and Clerk of the Mercers' Company attended.

Service luncheon

The Light Infantry

Brigadier J.G. Williams, Deputy Colonel of The Light Infantry (Somerset and Cornwall), presided at a luncheon held yesterday in the regimental marquee at the showground of the Royal Bath and West of England Society, Shepton Mallet.

Dinner

Cambridgeshire Lieutenancy

Mr James Crowden, Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, presided at a dinner held last night at Pembroke College, Cambridge, to mark the 40th anniversary of The Queen's coronation.

The Sky at Night

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BIRTHS

BURROWE - On May 31st 1993, in London (nearly to Dartmouth), to Clare (née Alsop) and Christopher, a son, Gulliver Tim.

CORAL - On May 29th, to Penny (née Page) and Anthony, a son, Alexander, a brother to Natasha and Oliver.

FERGUS - On 26th May 1993, to Emily and Jeff, a son, Charles William Merry, a brother for Freddie.

FITZGERALD-BARRON - On 2nd June 1993, to Amanda (née Playlow) and Alexander, a son, Edward William Thomas, a brother for Charles.

KETLING - On 26th May, to Sue and John, a daughter, Sarah Rachel, a sister for James and Catherine.

LABRUM - On June 1st at The Portland Hospital, to Jennifer (née Swerdon) and Ewan, a daughter, Caitlin Elizabeth Ann, a sister for Alexander.

LAMB - On May 24th, to Caroline (née de Burgh) and Tom, a daughter, Chloe Georgia.

LUNN - On 30th May at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Lynne (née Somerville) and Anthony, a daughter, Selina Ria.

MALPAS - On 29th May at Royal Surrey, to Aurona (née Murrow) and Alan, a daughter, Sophie Ella (LB).

MATTHEWS - On 27th May, to Jean (née Hancock) and Peter, a daughter, Joanna Helen.

MUIR - On May 31st, at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Sarah Jane and Simon, a son, Robin Hugo.

PONSONBY - On 29th May at Chipping Norton War Memorial Hospital, to Amanda and Rupert, a daughter, Eleanor.

READ - To Dallas and Elizabeth (née Davies), a daughter, Sally Ann, on May 19th 1993, at York, Western Australia.

ROOMS - On 24th May, to Helen (née Ebrahim) and Simon, a son, Ben Robert, a brother for Joshua.

SCANTLEBURY - On 29th May 1993, to Louise Thompson and Paul Scantlebury, a son, Oliver Kolak Scantlebury.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

EDWARDS:WEBSTER - On June 3rd 1953 at Moorends Methodist Church, South Yorkshire, by W.H. Evans Minister, James and Ethel May.

STEVENS:JAMES - On 3rd June 1933 at St Albans, Golders Green, Edwin to Kathleen.

DEATHS

ALLISON - The Rt. Rev. Falkner on 31st May 1993, peacefully in Ipswich Hospital after a short illness. Private cremation followed by a Service of Thanksgiving in Aldeburgh Parish Church at 3.30 pm on Tuesday 8th June. Family flowers only, donations if wished to Aldeburgh Parish Church Fabric Fund. A Thanksgiving Service will also be held in Winchester Cathedral at a later date.

ANDREYEV - Gill (née Huddleston), beloved wife of the late Nikolay, dearly loved mother of Katya, Jervotes and Michael - peacefully in hospital after an accident. Service 1.45 pm Friday 4th June at College Holt followed by cremation. Donations may be made to St Gregory's Foundation if wished. Further details phone (0223) 389480.

BATEMAN - On May 28th, Cyril Fletcher OBE, late Chairman of the Barrister's Clerks' Association. Dearly loved husband of Miriam, father, Richard and Phyllis, father-in-law of Paul and Maisie, Private Cremation at St Cosmas & Damian, Kent, on Tuesday 7th June at 11am. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Leuka Unit, Centre Trust, Old School House, High Street, Great Chesterford, Essex CB10 1NY.

[illegible] - On June 2nd, after a long illness, [illegible], beloved husband of [illegible], much loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Late Deputy Chief Collector of Customs [illegible]. Loved and respected by all. One of nature's gentlemen. Special thanks for loving care at St [illegible] Nursing Home and to Doctors and Staff at Sun [illegible] Surgery. Service at Hyde Methodist Church on [illegible] June 4th at 2.30 pm, followed by cremation at Manchester. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to [illegible]'s Disease Society, c/o Hambrook & [illegible], Dyncburch Road, [illegible] Street.

COOMBES - On 30th May 1993, Pamela (née Chapman), much loved sister, mother and grandmother. Funeral service, 10.30am, Wednesday 9th June, Woking St Johns Cemetery. Donations to Alzheimer's Disease Society.

Chandler - On June 2nd, after a long illness borne with great strength and dignity, Alison Chandler, dearly loved wife of the late Stanley, mother of Terrance and Debbie, sister of Margaret, sister-in-law of Roy, mother-in-law of Judith and dearly loved grandmother of Lucy and Jack. Funeral to be held at Whitley Reform Church at 10.30am on 11th June at 1.30 pm on Friday 4th June at 1.30 pm at Woodlands Crematorium to be held at 2.30 pm at Woodlands Crematorium. Flowers or donations to a charity of your choice.

COOPER - John Cecil, on 1st June 1993, aged 89, late of Roehampton and Twickenham, widower of Maureen and Phyllis, father and grandfather of Rosemary, Catherine, Margaret, Hugh and Peter and their children. Funeral Service 2.30 Thursday 10th June at Holy Trinity Church, Roehampton SW15, followed by cremation at Putney Vale. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Lincolns Inn Fields, WC2.

CROWTHER - George Herbert O'Dell M.B.E. on June 2nd 1993 (peacefully at home in Melbourne) aged 76. Loved and loving husband of Rose, much loved father of Diana (MacKenzie-Charrington) and father-in-law of Mark, devoted Papa of Sophie and Patrick. Private Cremation and Memorial Service following.

KARLOFF - Evelyn, widow of Boris, died on 1st June 1993 after two weeks in King Edward VII Hospital Midhurst, Macmillan Ward. She lived bravely and cheerfully with her illness for two years, not wanting anyone to know. Private cremation and no flowers at her request.

LETTS - On May 30th, peacefully, Tribde. Beloved wife of Donald. Funeral Service at 3.20 pm Tuesday June 8th at Worthing Crematorium, Sussex. Flowers to Funeral Directors, W. Bryder & Sons, Cokles, Tillington, Petworth, W. Sussex.

MACFARLANE - On June 1st, Nancy Alison in her 93rd year, third daughter of the late Alderman and Mrs Charles Macfarlane. Funeral Service at Hartlepool Crematorium on Friday 4th at 2 pm. Enquiries to Mason Martin Funeral Service, 129 Park Road, Hartlepool, tel: (0429) 862021.

MANSBRIDGE - On 28th May 1993 peacefully in hospital, Roger Lyon aged 57 years, loving husband of Sylvia and much treasured father of Sara. Funeral Service Monday June 7th at Putney Vale Crematorium SW15 at 3.30 pm. All enquiries F.W. Paine F/D (081) 646-4813.

NEWNHAM - Ian, Captain RN, on 2nd June 1993 at the Macmillan Unit, King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service at St James' Church, Studham, Sussex, on 7th June at 2.30pm. No flowers but donations to Macmillan Unit, King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst.

PELLY - On Tuesday June 1st 1993, Sir John Pelly, Bt., J.P., D.L. Husband of the late Hazel and Daddy of Margaret. Adored husband of Barbara. Funeral Service at Prestbury Chapel on Monday June 7th at 3 pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired, to the British Red Cross Society or the British Heart Foundation c/o Lloyds Bank plc., The Square, Bishop's Waltham, Southampton, SO3 1GS.

STACY - On June 2nd 1993, peacefully at home after a short illness, Frances Gough, beloved wife of Eric and much loved mother of Jeremy and Rebecca. Enquiries and flowers to Tony Brown The Funeral Parlour, Sunningdham, Suffolk, tel: (0728) 603108.

STOTT - On May 28th, suddenly at home, Daphne (Carol), aged 67. Dearly loved by her husband David and by her children, Paul and Jennie. Funeral will take place at 3.30 pm on Monday June 7th at Beckenham Crematorium. Flowers to Francis Chappell and Sons, 231 High Street, Bromley, Kent BR1 1NZ. (081 460 1720).

WILLIAMS - Lt. Col. Walter Edward Williams died peacefully in hospital on 1st June in his 98th year. Dearly beloved husband of Lily, father of Maurice, Edward and Donald, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service 3.30 pm on 8th June at Tunbridge Wells Salvation Army Citadel. Flowers, or donations to the Salvation Army, to Boorman Funeral Services, 31 Mount Ephraim, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 8AA. tel: (0892) 541070.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

LEIGH-PEMBERTON - Thomas Robert Arnold. A Memorial Service for Tommy will be held at St James's Church, Piccadilly, on Wednesday 21st July at 4.30 pm. The service will be followed by a reception to be held nearby. No mourning please.

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OBITUARIES

VLADIMIR PROMYSLOV

Vladimir Promyslov, mayor of Moscow, 1963-86, died on May 24 aged 84. He was born in Moscow on July 28, 1908.

ONE of the longest-serving senior communist bureaucrats in the Soviet Union, Vladimir Promyslov came, by the end of his career, to typify the corruption and stagnation of the Brezhnev years, and was widely blamed, after his dismissal, by President Gorbachev for Moscow's run-down housing stock, for the poor distribution of food and consumer goods and for the cronyism which permeated the party bureaucracy in the capital as in other large Soviet cities.

Appointed by Nikita Khrushchev in 1963, Promyslov was mayor of a city with a population of eight million people at a time of rapid change and expansion. Starting with Khrushchev's crash programme to alleviate the acute housing shortage, the Moscow authorities undertook the construction of huge high-rise blocks of flats, which ring the old city and have created bleak estates where there are few shops or social amenities and vandalism and crime are rife.

Promyslov also authorised the wholesale bulldozing of some of the historic quarters of central Moscow; winding lanes and historic houses were destroyed to make way for straight, wide roads and modern, purpose-built blocks of shops and flats. Only towards the end of his period in office did the historians and conservationists manage to halt the destruction of the old centre.

A great spurt in building and construction came in the lead-up to the 1980 Olympic Games, when millions of roubles were spent on restoring long-neglected monuments, cleaning and repairing the streets, painting facades and building new sports facilities, hotels and the Olympic village.

Promyslov, who frequently represented Moscow on visits to Britain and at world conferences of mayors, was not an independent elected politician as mayors are in most American and continental countries, but a functionary very much subordinate to the first secretary of the Moscow Communist party, a post held during most of his mayoral term by Viktor Grishin but one finally taken over by Boris Yeltsin. However, the mayor had great influence because of his power over daily bureaucratic decisions, especially the allocation of flats, country houses and other favours to the communist elite.

Promyslov began his working life on a building site in the city at the age of 16. He joined the Communist party in 1928 and held a number of trade union posts. He graduated from the Moscow Institute of Construction Engineers and worked in the USSR Ministry of the Tank Industry and the Main Munitions Industry Construction Board during the second world war.

Specialising in problems of housing and construction, he made his career in the Moscow City Soviet (Council), becoming chairman in 1959.

In addition to his responsibilities as mayor, Promyslov was a member of the foreign affairs committee of the Supreme Soviet, and as such travelled frequently on delegations overseas. Several of these took him to Britain — where he was often the target of hostile demonstrations and protests especially over human rights and Jewish emigration.

A particularly controversial visit was in 1983, when, at the age of 75, he was the guest of the Greater London Council, then under the leadership of Ken Livingstone. It was originally proposed as a "municipal summit" between Moscow and London, with a programme of cultural and economic visits, but the timing, at a low point in Anglo-Soviet relations, was an embarrassment to the government.

Promyslov was met by groups of angry Jewish protesters, who jostled and shouted at him, and was obliged to listen to protests over Anatoly Shcharansky, the imprisoned dissident — an especial irony as his own wife Irina, who is Jewish, accompanied him. During his visit to Merseyside, Conservative councillors boycotted a welcome luncheon for him. He toured Toxteth, two years after the riots, and his remarks that he would like to take London's unemployed back to the Soviet Union with him did not endear him to the Conservative government. Promyslov finally cut short his nine-day visit and flew home.

He remained mayor of Moscow until the age of 77, but his fall, after 23 years in office, became inevitable after Mr Grishin, his patron, was sacked. He was removed from office ten days later amid a ruthless purge of hardliners all over the Soviet Union.

The Soviet press, making much of the new glasnost, had already run a series of critical articles on the city administration, with accusations of widespread corruption, especially over bribery in the issuing of coveted residence permits for Moscow. The official reason given for his removal was that for 30 years the city had failed to present annual accounts. Mr Yeltsin later gave a biting assessment of the failure of the city administrators in every field, ranging from heavy industry and housing to health care and transport.

Promyslov was succeeded by Valery Saikin, a 49-year-old manager of the Zil car works. He was awarded the Order of Lenin (three times) and the Order of the October Revolution.

Vladimir Promyslov and his wife had two sons.

BILLY CONN

William (Billy) Conn, former world light-heavyweight boxing champion, died of pneumonia in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on May 29 aged 75.

OF ALL the Great White Hopes in the world of boxing, few have come closer to achieving immortality than handsome Billy Conn. In 1941, two years after he had won the light-heavyweight championship from Melio Bettina and defended it successfully three times, Conn decided to surrender the title and challenge the formidable holder of the heavyweight crown, the Brown Bomber, Joe Louis. Out-weighed and out-gunned, the brash Conn used his boxing skills to make the fight a classic contest. For more than ten rounds he dominated Louis, and was leading on points by a wide margin, before he made a mistake that was to haunt him for the rest of his life: he tried to slug it out with the champion.

"I couldn't knock out anybody," he recalled in 1987, "and I tried to knock out Joe Louis." Instead, Louis knocked him out in the 13th round. A rematch was arranged almost immediately, but Conn's plans for a second shot at the title were disrupted by his own pugnacious nature.

He and his father-in-law, a former boxer named Jimmy Smith, had engaged in a long-standing feud. When Conn and his wife took their newly christened son to the Smith home for inspection, the quarrel flared. Smith aimed a punch at Conn, who responded with a blow to the head that left him with a broken hand.

The Louis fight had to be postponed, and before a new date could be fixed the United States had entered the second world war. Both men were inducted into the Army.

Finally, in 1946, Louis and Conn fought again. The smaller man had retained his speed, and many believed that this time, remembering his previous mistake, he could use it to out-point the champion. Louis's response to the suggestion has gone down in boxing history: "He can run, but he can't hide." And so it proved. Louis knocked out Conn in the eighth round. Conn retired after the second Louis fight, but staged a comeback in 1948 and knocked out two opponents before facing Louis again in a six-round exhibition fight in Chicago. Losing on points, he decided to retire for good. In the course of his professional career, which lasted for 13 years, he had won 63 fights, lost 11 and drawn one.

Even in his later years, Conn was not one to avoid a fight. In 1990, at the age of 72, he was witness to a robbery at a Pittsburgh convenience store. When the robber punched the manager, Conn waded into the fray, swinging punches of his own. "You always go with your best punch, a straight left," he told a television reporter afterwards. Conn ended up on the floor of the store, wrestling with the would-be thief, and though the man managed to get away it was not before Conn had pulled off his jacket, complete with his name and address. He was swiftly arrested.

Billy Conn is survived by his wife and three sons.

BARBARA KER-SEYMER

Barbara Ker-Seymer, photographer, died on May 25 aged 88. She was born in London on January 20, 1905.

BARBARA KER-SEYMER was one of the most fashionable of photographers operating in London between the wars.

Her work was considered disturbingly modern at the time, and one picture, a chilling study of Nancy Cunard poised against a tiger skin, was mistakenly attributed to Cecil Beaton. Characteristically, Ker-Seymer found the mistake funny and did not bother to correct it for years. Evelyn Waugh based the character of Anthony Blanche on her sometime assistant, Brian Howard.

Despite a childhood spent as part of the minor aristocracy in Dorset, Ker-Seymer was herself always unpompous and irreverent, and a committed Bohemian. She moved to London after school to study at the Slade and the Royal College of Art.

Her debut in studio photography came about accidentally: she had been helping out a friend, Olivia Wyndham, in her Bond street studio, when Wyndham unexpectedly left for the United States. Ker-Seymer found herself alone in the studio with a full appointments book and a camera,

and was persuaded by the next client through the door to try her hand.

Her technique rapidly improved, and she soon found herself besieged by willing subjects: Nancy Cunard, Richard Aldington, Raymond Mortimer, Rosamond Lehmann, Elizabeth Bowan among others, as well as close friends like Frederick Ashton and David Garnett. Her work was marked by radical experimentation in lighting and background, where corrugated iron sheets or rough animal skins loomed large, but she married this to an essentially naturalistic approach to the subject, and rejected the use of retouching or soft-focus lenses.

In 1931 she began working on commissions for *Harper's Bazaar* which brought her to the attention of Evelyn Waugh. Later, a visit to Toulon enabled her to photograph Jean Cocteau and the world of the demi-monde. But despite a period as a producer of instructional films for the armed forces, her career as a photographer ended with the outbreak of war.

In 1951, now with a young son to bring up, she moved in a totally unexpected direction: inspired by a visit to New York, she opened one of London's first laundromats in Victoria. As staff, she enlisted an old family servant and a student down on his luck. She proved to be a shrewd businesswoman, and was eminently successful in her new enterprise.

A slim, handsome woman, Ker-Seymer was intensely visual and passionately loved the cinema and the theatre. She had a talent for friendship, and liked meeting people and hearing their stories. She was also a gifted practitioner of the lost art of letter writing in which she revealed herself as a sharp and amusing observer, not without mischievousness.

Despite her worldiness, she remained touchingly naive in certain areas and sometimes seemed unwilling to be disillusioned. But she never allowed herself to be surprised: once she warmly welcomed a pair of dinner guests, whom she fed and uncomplainingly sent on their way — still unaware that they had in fact turned up a week too early.

She married twice: first, Humphrey Pease in 1941 and then in 1945, John Rhodes, by whom she had a son, Max. Both marriages were dissolved. She is survived by her son.

ROGER MACDOUGALL

Roger MacDougall, playwright, died on May 27 aged 82. He was born in Bearsden, Dunbartonshire, on August 2, 1910.

Alec Guinness as Sidney Stratton in an Ealing comedy, *The Man in the White Suit*, written by Roger MacDougall

ROGER MACDOUGALL was once in the top rank of British playwrights, although his name is probably better known now in connection with the Ealing comedies: as a young scriptwriter for the studios, he was responsible for some of their greatest successes — *The Man in the White Suit* (1951) with Alec Guinness, *A Touch of Larceny* (1959) with James Mason and *The Mouse that Roared* (1959) with Peter Sellers. His plays, which made him one of the highest-paid dramatists in the 1950s, included *Escapade* (1952) and *To Dorothy A Son* (1950) with Richard Attenborough and Sheila Sim.

The Mouse that Roared, featuring the versatile Peter Sellers in a variety of roles and costumes, was based on an ingenious premise: a tiny European principality with an army the size of a rugby team declares war on the United States with the sole object of losing as soon as possible, and hence qualifying for the money that Americans traditionally bestow on their defeated foes.

The Man in the White Suit, which started life as a play by MacDougall, starred Alec Guinness as the idealistic hero who invents a cloth which will never wear out. This infuriates management and workers in the textile trade, who recognise the danger to their livelihoods. In the end, the suit mysteriously distintegrates.

The same could be said for MacDougall's later career. During the 1950s, he contracted multiple sclerosis, and was unable to work effectively for many years. His eventual recovery was due, he claimed, to diet, and he spent the remainder of his life trying to convert other sufferers.

MacDougall was born in Bearsden, a small village six miles from Glasgow. After reading law at Glasgow University, he turned to writing, learning his craft by penning lyrics for BBC revue sketches, before tackling film scripts: *This Man is News* (1938) and George Formby's *Spare a Copper*. During the war, he wrote and produced documentaries.

He was a comparatively late starter in the theatre, only forcing himself to start work on the long deferred first play in 1948. In a spurt of creativity he then wrote five plays over the next 18 months and in August 1950, on his 40th birthday, had the satisfaction of seeing the first, *The Gentle Gunman* (a comedy about IRA activity on both sides of the Ulster border), being staged in London. This evoked streams of superlatives from the critics and comparisons with G. B Shaw.

In the next few years, there followed *To Dorothy a Son* (1950), *Macadam and Eve* (1950) and the successful *Escapade* (1952). All except *Macadam and Eve* were well received and later turned into films. In 1956 MacDougall collaborated with Ted Allen on the thriller *Double Image* (1956), but by this time he was ill with what he thought at first was an inflamation of the nerves.

MacDougall became progressively more paralysed, confined to a wheelchair and unable to see. Only with the greatest difficulty could he articulate words clearly enough to be understood. Even so, he refused to be beaten. Unable to read or write, he accustomed himself to working entirely by ear, dictating everything to a secretary.

The journalist John Barber, intrigued by MacDougall's long spell of non-productivity interviewed him and, as a result of his article, MacDougall was approached by Reginald Hawthorn who ran a health farm in Halesworth, Suffolk. Hawthorn suggested he try a carboydrate-free and gluton-free diet.

For the first year, MacDougall barely noticed a difference, but slowly he began to recover, and after five years he could button up his own shirt. In 1963 he went to California, and the warm, dry climate speeded his recovery, although he never really liked the Hollywood lifestyle — he and his family lived in a modern house with wonderful views of the city, but surrounded themselves with English furniture.

MacDougall taught at the University of California at Los Angeles, eventually as a professor in the Theatre Arts department, before he returned to England, now able to walk, in 1970.

Although he was anxious to re-establish himself on the stage, he found himself increasingly involved with the plight of other multiple sclerosis sufferers in Britain. His miraculous recovery was initially met by a wall of disbelief and hostility from the medical establishment and MacDougall was forced to become his own publicist, answering letters, sending out diet sheets and courting the press. Gradually his views gained credence. Small, energetic and jocular, with a shock of grey hair which he later grew and added to with impressive sideburns, MacDougall was his own best advertisement.

He is survived by his wife Renée, and their son and daughter.

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Helena	Vanessa Redgrave
Bottom	Charles Laughton
Flute	Peter Woodthorpe
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Snug	Julian Glover
Puck	Ian Holm
Oberon	Robert Hardy
Titania	Mary Ure

Produced by Peter Hall

FROM OUR DRAMATIC CRITIC
STRATFORD, JUNE 2

Mr. Peter Hall has found a new way of treating *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. He presents it as it might have been played by well meaning amateurs at a wedding revel in a great Elizabethan house.

Novelty in staging Shakespeare is to be applauded only if it comes off and is genuinely revitalizing in its effects, but in this instance the advantages of Mr. Hall's treatment are, it would seem, mostly on the surface. He is given a perhaps plausible excuse for dispensing with the music of the verse and for attempting to capture the enchantment of the moonlit wood. We for our part are helped to smile more or less continuously a somewhat superior smile at everything and everybody connected with the comedy, as though we were Theseus and Hippolyta and their courtiers trying to take with polite seriousness the ridiculous play at which the rude mechanicals have laboured so hard. We come to feel in the end that possibly the director in an excess of imaginative energy has cut off his nose to spite his face.

At all events nothing works quite so ingeniously as it is obviously meant to work. The wooden balustraded balcony to the Elizabethan house where the play is supposed to be acted remains as a rustic bridge in the enchanted wood, but it is so big that it somehow refuses to blend into the woodscape. The lovers whose swift transferences of affection illustrate the lawlessness and absurdity of love as it appears to the comic spirit are pleasant grotesques. Miss Priscilla Morgan is dwarfish and comically shrewish. Miss Vanessa Redgrave is a tall maypole of a girl spouting tears and wrapped about with tear-bedewed timidities.

But hard as they and their partners, Mr. Albert Finney and Mr. Edward de Souza, work to be funny we are left with the impression that a more graceful dance of misunderstanding would suit the scenes a great deal better, especially if the words were made easier to follow. Mr. Robert Hardy has little of Oberon's dignity. He is simply his street urchin Puck drawn on a larger scale. Miss Mary Ure can hardly be called a musical Titania, but at least she speaks the verse as though determined that it shall be heard. The most conspicuous advantage that Mr. Hall gains by his treatment is that the immortals for once appear wholly different from the mortals and the little fluttering fairies are delightful. Mr. Charles Laughton has some amusing patches as Bottom, but he plays him too consistently for mere buffoonery.

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Peter Hall's production of "The Dream" had a remarkable cast including Charles Laughton as Bottom, Ian Holm as Puck, Albert Finney as Lysander, and Vanessa Redgrave as Helena.

Peter Victor looks at the bitter dispute brewing between liner operators and disenchanted islanders in the sun

Cruising into stormy waters

Living the good life on the ocean waves: passenger spending on the Caribbean cruise liners has more than doubled since 1987

An increase in passenger taxes proposed by some Caribbean islands has led to a breakdown in the relationship between the cruise lines and Caribbean tourism chiefs.

St Lucia, which gets the majority of its holidaymakers from Britain, plans to increase its $2-a-head charge for cruise passengers to $10 over the next 18 months. The first increase, to $5, is due next month.

The Caribbean Tourism Organisation (CTO), headed by Michael Manley, the former prime minister of Jamaica, is spearheading a campaign to get all its member islands to impose the $10 charge.

The issue has led to bans on certain islands by the cruise operators. The Caribbean countries, meanwhile, say they are right to try to boost their income in the face of nuisance and environmental damage from the ships.

Last week the islands were deciding on their response following an announcement by the Florida-Caribbean Cruise Association (FCCA) that it was suspending its working relationship with the CTO, which represents 28 countries, alleging that it was being smeared.

John LaCapra, the FCCA's president, said this action had been taken in response to the relationship between the CTO and the Caribbean Hotels Association's (CHA) tourism task force, for which Mr Manley is a consultant. He claimed the CTO had failed to publicly repudiate what he called a disinformation campaign which "has created tension between the industry and Caribbean nations".

He added that the suspension would remain in force "until the CTO satisfactorily explains its actions with the CHA". The FCCA is also concerned about Mr Manley's work as a consultant for the CHA and for St Lucia's Sandals hotel resort. This, it claims, creates a conflict of interests for the CTO.

Formed in 1972 by lines operating between Florida and the Caribbean, the FCCA represents 14 member cruise lines operating more than 50 vessels. Relations between the two sides would not improve, Mr LaCapra said, until the CTO and the cruise industry reach an understanding.

This is not likely to happen in a hurry. According to the St Lucia tourist board, half of all cruise ships visit the Caribbean but less than 1 per cent of the goods and materials used by the ships comes from the region and less than 25 per cent of the staff employed are Caribbeans. The matter is "a hot issue" for the countries that the ships visit, with many of them feeling they are used as shopping stops and refuse-dumping grounds for the shipping companies.

The current dispute has been brewing since last September when the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), led by St Lucia, decided to impose the $10-a-head charge. The move prompted immediate resistance, in the main from Florida-based cruise companies. One of the companies, Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines dropped St Lucia from its itinerary. Members of the OECS retaliated by refusing to allow RCCL's Nordic Prince to dock at their ports until St Lucia was reinstated as a cruise stop.

Allen Chastanet, St Lucia's director of tourism, said the cruise ships must give something back to the islands. One idea is a proposal to license cruisers and charge a fee on the basis of the number of passengers carried: "We would be able to offer incentives to some. If they hired more Caribbean staff or invested in the islands then we could reduce the licence fee."

This proposal is complicated by policy differences between the island governments. Some are members of the Commonwealth, such as St Lucia, some have their policies decided by France or The Netherlands. Charges imposed by other islands vary from nothing to $15 in the Bahamas. St Lucia is a fierce defender of its tourism industry, since it is expected to take over from agriculture as its main revenue generator. The tourist board has commissioned Surrey University to do an economic impact analysis. Nevertheless, the island's government is determined to keep a balance and not become totally dependent on tourism.

Most Caribbean administrations seem to agree that something should be done. Although 85 per cent of cruise passengers in the world come from the United States and 50 per cent of that business passes through the Caribbean, the spend per passenger who goes ashore is falling. By contrast, the spend per passenger per day on board the liners was $15 in 1987 and $35 per passenger by 1990. "Every $5 represents $1 million total net profit," Mr Chastanet said.

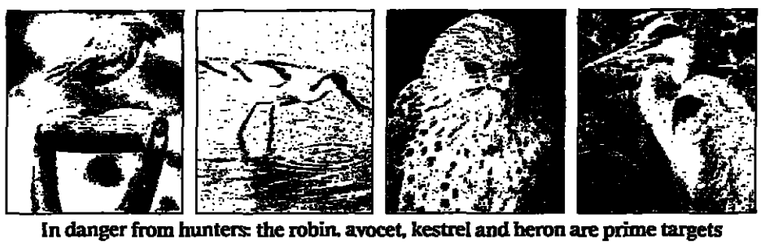
Caribbean tourism chiefs are concerned about the growth of the cruise market and fear that people are preferring to visit the islands that way rather than taking holidays. In 1992 half of all cruise passengers were on their first trip.

Mr Chastanet said the environmental impact of the ships was also increasingly an issue. The CTO has brought in rules to limit the waste that ships can dump. "The Cayman Islands recently increased their fine for this type of dumping to $60,000 and Princess Cruises was fined $1 million in Florida," Mr Chastanet said.

Despite the threat of a boycott by the cruise ships following St Lucia's announcement that it intends to impose the price increases, Mr Chastanet said the islands have to take a firm stand.

"Even if there is a 30 per cent reduction in our incoming traffic we will be better off," he said. "People just have to have the guts to stick to it."

Campaigners oppose Malta's slaughter of songbirds



In danger from hunters: the robin, avocet, kestrel and heron are prime targets

Birds under fire

International pressure is growing on Malta to halt the annual slaughter of millions of songbirds which are killed with the use of automatic weapons, searchlights and tape recordings.

Bill Oddie, the former Goodie and a keen ornithologist, has joined calls for Cyprus to keep its ban on the shooting season. Without it, up to 2.5 million small migratory songbirds would die each year.

Mr Oddie, who is publishing a book *Bird Watching in Cyprus*, has warned that travel companies specialising in wildlife tourism could boycott Cyprus. He is also backing the campaign to prevent the slaughter of 6 million birds, including kestrels, herons, ospreys, robins, swallows and finches which are shot each year in Malta. The spring shoot, which is particularly devastating because it kills birds before the breeding season, was banned in Cyprus in 1990, but lobbying by the country's 45,000 hunters has led the government to consider its reinstatement.

A survey in Malta shows that 59 per cent of the population would support legislation against hunting and trapping and 19 per cent favoured a total ban.

Natalino Fenech, a Maltese ornithologist, who is leading the campaign, says: "Many potential visitors would be horrified to know that Malta is responsible for killing millions of songbirds a year. Hunters in other European countries would be enraged to learn that Maltese hunters want to shoot avocets, herons and cuckoos among other species."

Eighteen per cent of those interviewed by Gallup said they had a family member who hunted or trapped, while 8 per cent participated in the "sport". The hunters plan to lobby Malta's politicians claiming that an end to the practice would be a breach of human rights. Objectors warn that unless the shooting is stopped, it could be a setback for Malta's bid to join the European Community where such hunting is banned.

HARVEY ELLIOTT

Another blow to the Uffizi

LAST week's bomb explosion at the Uffizi gallery in Florence is likely to delay the introduction of radical new laws designed to change the way in which Italy's galleries and museums operate.

Once the town has recovered it is planned that high-quality souvenirs, books, ceramics, jewellery and reproductions of famous masterpieces will all be on sale, as well as catalogues that may also be sold by international mail-order.

The opening hours will be extended, from 9am to 7pm, and the weekly Monday closure abolished. The building of restaurants and a cafeteria are also envisaged.

It is all part of an aggressive marketing drive by fine arts authorities determined to increase the profitability of Italy's artistic and cultural heritage. At the moment, the three million visitors who normally file through Florence's museums each year yield a mere 68p a head.

Florence, the arts capital of Italy with the greatest number of works within a comparatively small centre, had been singled out by Alberto Ronchey, the arts minister, as the test-bed for the policy which would later be extended to Venice and Rome. After the bomb, however, the government is certain to come under pressure to curtail opening hours in the interests of security, rather than extend them.

After the bomb, it appeared that the Uffizi would have to close down completely for several months. However, Florentine hoteliers and shop owners forced the authorities to change their minds. Now, part of the building will remain open and only the most damaged areas will be sealed off.

Meanwhile the first "cultural boutique" is still likely to appear this summer in the Uffizi. Two Florentine fine-art booksellers, Ferragamo, the haute couture house, and the local photographic archive have joined forces to run it.

TONY ROCCA

Sport: tourism's greatest prize

A Whitehall-backed scheme will net millions, says **Marianne Curphey**

An initiative to build on the worldwide love of sport and the money it provides has been backed by Peter Brooke, national heritage secretary.

The enterprise, organised by the English Tourist Board (ETB), aims to bring together tourism and sports bodies to exploit the growth of both industries. The move follows the success of similar co-operation between the Arts Council and the ETB which began two years ago.

Sports bodies, the ETB, the Sports Council and the British Tourist Authority (BTA) are all participants.

Figures from the Sports Council show that sport in Britain generates more than £8 billion-worth of economic activity a year and sustains half a million jobs, while tourists visiting Britain spent a total of £17.6 billion in 1991.

In that year Britons took 58.3 million holiday trips and spent £10.4 billion. Overseas visitors spent an estimated £7.2 billion on tourism in 1991 and about £645 million on sports activities the year before.

Travelling sporting fans include Scandinavian and Icelandic football supporters; Australians who fly to Britain to watch cricket; Irish visitors having a flutter on the Cheltenham Gold Cup; and Japanese who like to visit Royal Ascot.

The ETB hopes to target both Britons and overseas tourists, and plans to introduce a calendar of sporting events and release details of sporting holidays via tourist information centres and travel agents.

In addition it plans to introduce an England-wide accreditation scheme for activity centres involving safety standards inspections.

The Sports Council estimates that more than half the holiday trips taken by Britons in the UK include at least one sports activity. In more than 25 per cent sport was the prime purpose of the holiday.

Mr Brooke, whose National Heritage department covers both industries, strongly supports the initiative and has announced that he will hold a national seminar at the end of this month to encourage co-operation among all the groups involved.

Is it a whale? No, it's a jumbo

AS THE international community was expressing its outrage over pleas by the Japanese to re-start commercial whaling, All Nippon Airways (ANA) was unveiling plans to put at least one of the giant sea creatures in the sky. Japan's biggest airline will paint one of its new Boeing 747-400 jumbos to look like a whale.

The new design followed a competition entered by 20,000 Japanese school children. Yukie Ohgaki, aged 12, won with her design of various sea creatures superimposed on a huge whale. "I'm sure that whales and other sea creatures would like to swim in a place wider and more spacious than the sea," she says. "So I painted them on an ANA plane so they can 'swim' in the open sky." The 569-seater jumbo will be seen on ANA's domestic routes from September.

TRAVEL LOGS

Board and bed

AMERICAN Airlines is to staff its check-in desks at Heathrow's Terminal 3 until midnight to enable passengers to process their luggage and obtain a boarding card the night before departure. "This option is aimed at those passengers who travel to London and stay overnight in an airport hotel and for those who live relatively close to Heathrow," says Chris Gilbert, AA's general sales manager for the UK and Ireland.

Irish cat

FERRY crossing times to Ireland will be cut from 3 hours 30 minutes to 1 hour 50 minutes from next month when the Stena Sea Lynx, a 35-knot catamaran capable of carrying 450 passengers and 80 cars, comes into service on the Stena Sea Link Holyhead to Dublin route.

City Cessna

THE Cessna Aircraft Company has gained approval for its Citation V executive jet to operate from London City Airport, in Docklands. The jet carries up to eight passengers and has a range of more than 1,100 miles.

Cheap thrills

FOR £28 green holidaymakers can enjoy a week in the Norfolk Broads. Staying in a thatched village hall, visitors will learn environmental management techniques while tending the orchids and butterflies of Upton Fen. The holiday runs from June 20 to 27. (Telephone British Trust for Conservation Volunteers: 0491 839766).

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Hoteliers reject a taxing interloper

Plans to tax hotel guests £1 a night could boost local authority coffers but stifle British tourism's slow recovery from the recession. **Harvey Elliott** reports

A proposal to levy a tourist tax on hotel guests is to be considered by the biggest cities and local authorities in the United Kingdom.

A draft green paper setting out the options for raising the tax is to be sent soon to MPs and local authorities and, if it finds sufficient support, will be presented to the government.

The scheme, put forward by the powerful Association of Metropolitan Authorities (AMA), has outraged hoteliers and the British Tourist Authority (BTA), who fear that it could stifle the industry's recovery from the recession.

Local authorities first became interested in the idea of a tourist tax in 1991, when the government suggested that it could be a way to raise additional funds. The councils, under increasing pressure from Whitehall to cut costs, say the existing system — which allows them to raise money only through the property-based council tax — makes it impossible to fund a range of desirable, rather than essential, services without putting a strain on local taxpayers or cutting vital expenditure on areas such as education or caring for the elderly or disabled.

Now the AMA says that ways must be found of giving authorities a broader taxbase and of allowing them to raise a greater proportion of their income locally.

"One possible new source of local taxation is a tourist tax," says the draft paper which the AMA will circulate "for discussion". "Many British people will have paid some form of tourist tax when travelling abroad on holiday or business. Could a tourist tax be made to work in the United Kingdom?", the draft report asks.

The AMA admits that more work needs to be done before a formal proposal can be put to the government. It has already had to cancel plans for an important conference to discuss the scheme when it became impossible to find any government minister to speak on the topic.

Nonetheless, it has produced an outline of how the tax might work. It is estimated that there are about 952 million "visitor nights" spent in England each year. "If the tax were set at £1 a night on all overnight visitors, Devon could raise £38 million, Westminster £29 million, Birmingham £7 million, Manchester £5 million, Leeds £4 million and Cumbria £16 million," the draft says. The cash could then be used to fund the arts and facilities related to leisure and tourism, it says.

Among the AMA's ideas is that national parks should be able to levy the tax directly or be entitled to a share of the tax levied by councils in their area. Authorities, it says, should be able to set the rate of tax or, if they wish, not levy it at all.

The AMA admits that the tax could be expensive and difficult to set up and administer. "The rate of tax would have to be high enough to ensure that the costs of administering it were a low percentage of the total take," it says. "That could then run the risk of tourist destinations or categories of accommodation being priced out of the market, particularly if competitors did not levy a tourist tax."

It also accepts that there is a fear that the Treasury could get its hands on the cash and use it to reduce council taxes or finance government grants, rather than provide new expenditure.

"The genesis of this debate is a reference by the government to the possibility of new minor taxes for local authorities and a suggestion in that context that tourists might be asked to pay more towards the costs that they cause," the draft report says.

The draft report goes on: "The AMA is now seeking views from every local authority, from a wide range of interested bodies in tourism and the arts — including commercial interests — from government departments, from the European Community and from MPs and members of the House of Lords. In the light of those views and any wider debate that might be initiated, the AMA will decide whether or not to pursue the idea."

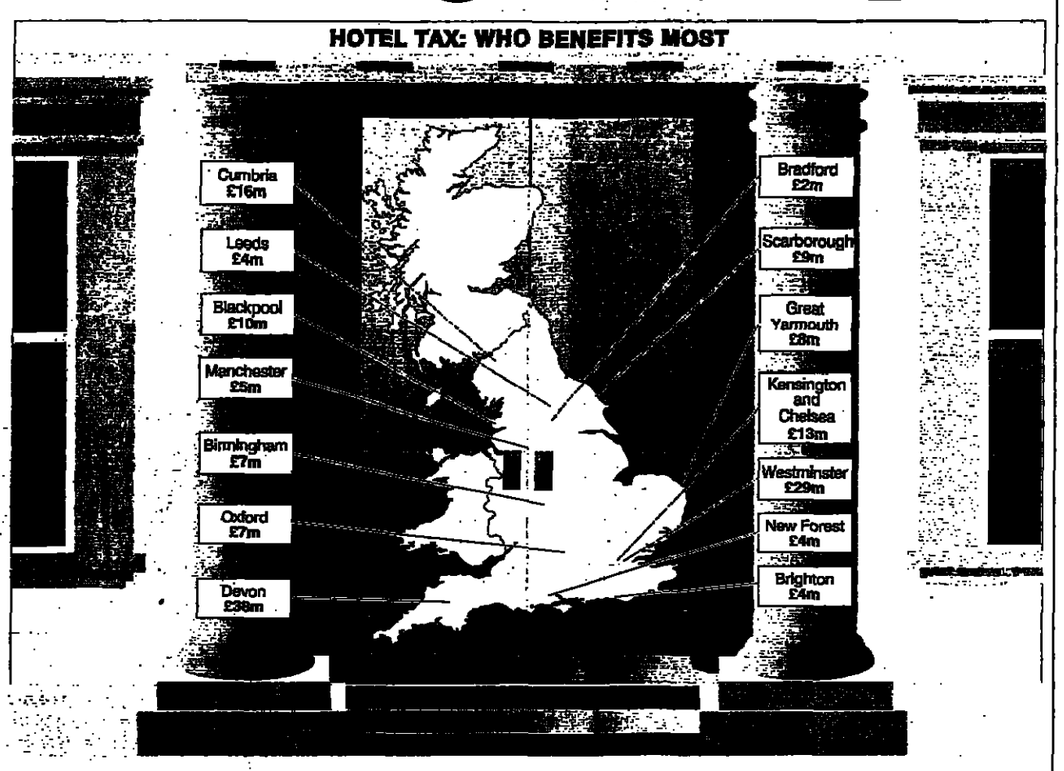
The BTA and the English Tourist Board immediately condemned the plans. "We believe that tourism is already heavily burdened in taxes with the 17.5 per cent VAT rate," a BTA spokesman says. "In general, the industry is made up of small businesses which have been badly hit by the new business rate.

"Tourists within Britain already contribute £2 billion a year to the government through VAT and other taxes. Visitors from abroad provide £800 million of that figure. Any further imposition would be unfair, and we hope this plan disappears as have other similar ideas in the past."

The British Hospitality Association (BHA), which represents 22,000 hotels and restaurants throughout the UK, is also firmly opposed to the plan. "Although £1 does not sound much and would not have any effect on a businessman staying for one night in an expensive hotel, it would certainly add up at the cheaper end of the market where a family of four may stay in a hotel for a fortnight," says Martin Couchman, the BHA's deputy chief executive.

"At a time when government is looking at ways of scrapping bureaucratic measures, such as the need for hotels to keep a log of all foreign guests, the tax would add a costly level of bureaucracy. Other schemes have shown that although, in theory, the money would be available specifically to aid tourism's infrastructure, in reality it does not work that way."

The Council for Travel and Tourism also opposes the plan. "This is a misguided proposal which we will fight all the way," says Barry Goddard, the executive director. "Tourists pay heavily and, as Britain is already expensive such a proposal, if implemented, would make the industry even less competitive."



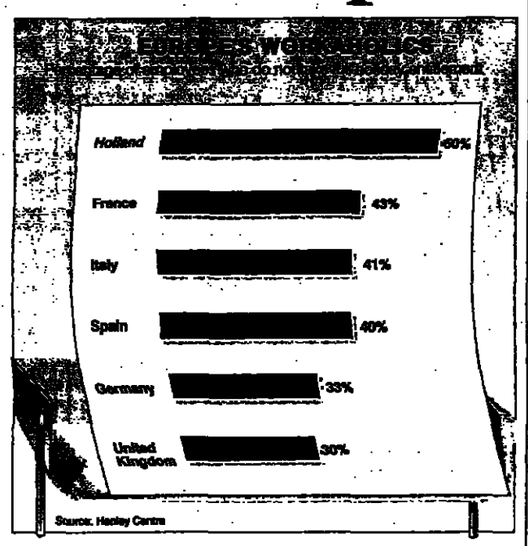
Time off? Tripe

They have the money, why not the inclination? Europeans should take more holidays

Nearly one-third of all Britons do not take full advantage of their holiday entitlement. Even so, the British are less addicted to work than their counterparts in the rest of Europe, some of whom refuse up to 60 per cent of their annual leave.

The Henley Centre says in a report that 30 per cent of British workers do not use all their holiday entitlement each year, compared with 41 per cent in Italy, 43 per cent in France and 60 per cent in The Netherlands.

Jim Murphy, the report's author, says: "A number of reasons lie behind this phenomenon: perhaps not just a holiday's cost but also the hypnosis of work and the absorption in professional activity which characterises so many middle-class lives. It is odd to consider that, within EC countries, only 46 per cent of high-income earners took a long holiday of more than 14 nights. They have the money — why not the inclination? Europeans really should be taking more holidays."



The centre, and its research partner, Research International, maintains that individual countries within Western Europe have widely differing views on what a holiday should be. Every year, for example, some 7 million Germans travel to Spain — more than the total number of Spaniards who visit other European destinations. Almost two-thirds of Germans and Dutch will have travelled abroad for leisure purposes within Europe in the past two years, compared with less than a third of Spaniards, while only 18 per cent of Italians regularly choose a non-Italian holiday. Holidays or not, tourists from Europe still manage to spend £56 billion a year, mainly in Europe, the report shows.

Short breaks amounting to no more than a long weekend — called holiday "snacking" by the travel experts — are widespread throughout Europe with more than half of people in the age group 16 to 24.

Such breaks are especially popular with those who are less well-off and single. People in this group tend to take at least one short holiday a year.

HARVEY ELLIOTT

Popular Prague's pressing problem

Czech capital is too successful

JUST four holiday seasons into democracy, Prague has become the most popular tourist destination in the world — and the city is cracking up under the strain.

A record 83 million visitors were attracted to Czechoslovakia last year, before the countries' division, according to Czech officials. This year, the number of tourists is expected to increase by another 20 per cent, and officials admit they are not ready to receive them.

The new data shows the number of visitors up by more than 25 per cent on 1991 and nearly three times that of 1989, the last year under communist rule. Tourism is now the largest source of foreign revenue, but it is only one hundredth of that of France, for example, because of the large number of day-trippers to the country, who spend relatively little money during their brief stay.

Ivan Breznen, of the Czech Association of Travel Agencies, believes the number who stay in the country for one night or more may be as few as ten million, although most will be visiting the capital.

The strain is beginning to show. The 14th-century Charles Bridge is falling down, the streets and people are choking under some of the worst traffic pollution in Europe. Prague's highly-efficient public transport system is all but grinding to a halt through over-crowding, while many hotels say they are booked up more than a year in advance.

BEFORE the revolution, the state travel agency, Cedok, block-booked many of the large hotels and tourist agents in Prague complain the monopoly is being continued by foreign agencies who have signed exclusive contracts with the hotels.

Hana Ruzickova, of Thomas Cook's Prague office, says many would-be travellers are unaware of the hundreds of smaller private agencies in the Czech Republic which deal with excellent, small old-world hotels. These are well away from the seedy boulevard of Wenceslas Square where prices are often higher than in the West (about £140 for a four-star single per night). A self-contained family flat can cost £200 a week.

Taxis often charge ten times the correct price to English-speaking travellers. It can be difficult to find a café with free places, while many state restaurants still close in the evening and at weekends.

GERARD DAVIES

Ban goes up in smoke

Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS) has been forced to abandon a smoking ban on its international flights after a two-month trial, *Harvey Elliott writes.*

The company discovered that Nordic smokers and non-smokers alike objected to the ban even more than the smoke drifting from the rear rows of the cabin. Enough passengers switched to rival airlines when the ban was introduced to persuade SAS to allow smoking again from the beginning of this month.

"We took surveys regularly and the response proved very negative," an SAS spokesman said. "Obviously we have to listen to our customers and if they don't like the ban then we must respond accordingly."

British Midland, in which SAS has a 34.5 per cent stake, introduced a similar ban on all its European flights on March 28 — the same day as SAS. "As far as we are concerned, the ban stays," a spokesman said. "We conducted regular surveys and have had nothing but praise. Complaints could be counted on one hand while we have received hundreds of letters of support."

The smoking issue has affected airlines around the world. The Canadian government has forced its national airline to outlaw smoking and has proposed a worldwide ban, to come into effect in July 1996. Australia has banned smoking on internal flights and in airport terminals.

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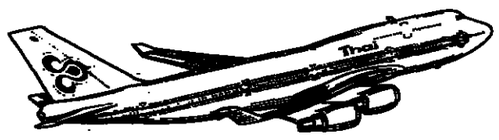

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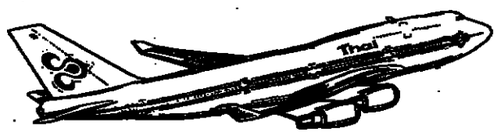

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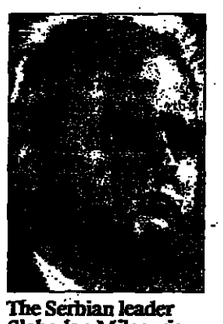

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The political diarist exaggerates his role in the great events of national life. His accounts are partial and he is blatantly unfair on his contemporaries by claiming history's last word. Perhaps that is why we enjoy him so much ..... Page 17

COLUMNS

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

If one assumes four generations to a century, then after 19 centuries each of us has 64 billion trillion ancestors. So it is almost inconceivable that any of us is not descended from any person alive in the 1st century who belongs to our general ethnic group. The great majority of Jews alive today — virtually all of them — must therefore be descended from close relatives of Jesus ..... Page 16

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What the country needs is a government capable of creating an agenda. The people who pursue it are less important than the agenda itself ..... Page 16

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LEADERS

There is a price to pay for sturdy self-sacrifice, and the Queen's life and marriage have not been without their difficulties. But for the commitment and sense of service that have characterised her reign, we should be grateful. We may not see its like again

— Evening Standard

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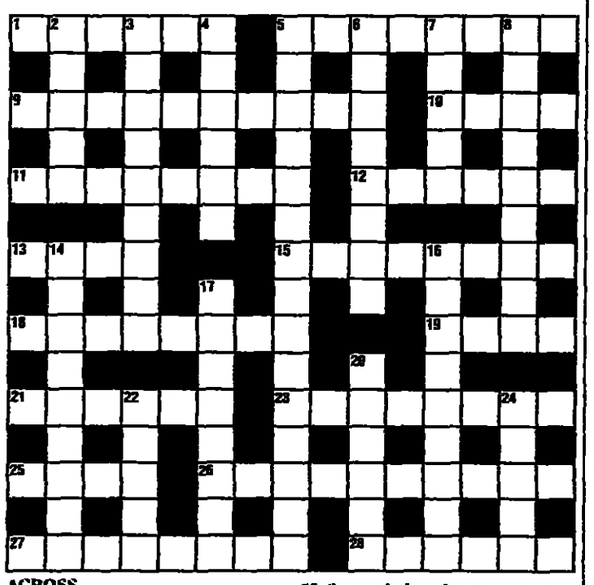

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1 Mean to acquire a sort of square cupboard (6)
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Forecast

Scotland will be mostly dry with bright periods in the east. The north and west will be cloudy with rain. Eastern and central England will be dry with sunny periods after early fog. Southeast England will become bright and dry after a dull, drizzly start. Northern Ireland, Wales and western England will be cloudy with rain. Cool near east coasts. Outlook: cloudy with rain in the northwest. Elsewhere dry with bright periods after early mists.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; lg=log; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Alaccio	23	73	s	Malorca	30	86	s
Almeld	26	77	f	Malaga	27	81	s
Aler'dria	28	82	s	Malta	28	79	s
Algiers	28	82	s	Melb'rne	12	54	d
Amst'dm	20	66	r	Mexico C*	21	70	f
Athens	29	84	s	Miami*	31	88	f
Bahrain	34	93	s	Milan	25	77	f
Barcelna	22	72	f	Montreal*	8	46	r
Beirut	24	75	s	Moscow	22	72	c
Belgrade	30	86	s	Munich	21	70	f
Berlin	22	72	s	Nairobi	23	73	c
Bermuda*	25	77	c	Naples	31	88	s
Biarritz	17	63	c	N Delhi	37	99	s
Borde'x	18	64	c	N York*	20	68	s
Brussels	17	63	f	Nice	22	72	f
Budapst	26	82	s	Oslo	12	54	r
B Aires*	11	52	s	Paris	16	61	c
Cairo	36	97	s	Peking	32	90	s
Cape Tn	18	64	c	Perth	17	63	f
Chicago*	17	63	s	Prague	24	75	s
Ch'church	11	52	f	Reykjavik	6	43	r
Cologne	19	66	r	Rhodes	27	81	s
C'phgn	17	63	s	Rio de J	22	72	f
Corfu	27	81	s	Riyadh	38	102	s
Dublin	15	59	c	Rome	25	77	s
Dubrovnik	29	84	c	Salzburg	19	66	f
Faro	22	72	s	S F'risco*	21	70	s
Florence	27	81	f	Santiago*	11	52	c
Frankfurt	24	75	f	S Paulo*	13	55	c
Funchal	20	68	c	Seoul	17	63	r
Geneva	14	57	r	St'kholm	15	59	f
Gibraltar	27	81	s	Strasb'rg	16	64	r
Helsinki	15	59	c	Sydney	17	63	c
Hong K	29	79	f	Tangier	23	73	s
Innsbruck	24	75	f	Tel Aviv	30	86	s
Istanbul	22	72	f	Tenerife	24	75	s
Jeddah	37	99	s	Tokyo	21	70	f
Jo'burg*	19	66	s	Toronto*	14	57	c
Kuwait	35	95	s	Tunis	30	86	s
L Palmas	23	73	s	Valencia	27	81	s
Le Touat	17	63	c	Vanc'ver*	16	61	f
Lisbon	20	68	f	Venice	26	79	s
Locarno	18	64	c	Vienna	26	79	s
L Angels*	22	72	s	Warsaw	22	72	f
Luxembg	13	55	d	Wash'ton*	22	72	f
Luxor	40	104	s	Wel'ton	13	55	s
Madrid	21	70	s	Zurich	19	66	s

* denotes figures are latest available

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 19C (66F); min 6pm to 6am, 13C (55F). Humidity: 6pm, 83 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.47in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 4.8hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,010 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Jersey, 23C (73F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland 9C (46F); highest rainfall: Anglesey, 0.44in; highest sunshine: Ryde, Isle of Wight, 10.4hr.

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 19C (66F); min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.02in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 3.7hr.

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 10C (50F); min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.19in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil.

Rainfall

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.2	0.02	11	52	cloudy
Anglesey	2.0	0.44	16	61	rain
Aviemore	0.1	0.03	11	52	rain
Belfast	1.2	0.16	15	59	rain
Birmingham	2.5	0.04	18	64	rain
Bognor Regis	9.2	-	18	64	sunny
Bournemouth	9.9	-	17	63	sunny
Bristol	4.7	-	19	66	sunny
Buxton	0.1	0.06	14	57	rain
Cardiff	4.7	0.01	18	64	sunny
Clacton	3.6	-	17	63	bright
Cromer	1.5	-	18	64	cloudy
Eastbourne	9.3	-	16	61	sunny
Edinburgh	2.8	0.02	12	54	bright
Eskdalemuir	-	0.18	13	55	rain
Exmouth	3.1	0.10	15	59	bright
Falmouth	1.5	0.08	15	59	shower
Folkestone	8.1	0.02	18	64	sunny
Guernsey	10.2	-	20	68	sunny
Hastings	7.2	-	16	61	sunny
Hunstanton	3.4	-	18	64	cloudy
Isle of Man	1.3	0.37	14	57	rain
Jersey	8.1	-	23	73	sunny
Kinloss	-	0.06	10	50	shower
Leeds	0.5	0.14	15	59	rain
Lerwick	3.6	-	8	46	cloudy
Littlehampton	9.1	-	17	63	sunny
Liverpool	1.1	0.23	17	63	rain
Lowestoft	0.8	-	18	64	cloudy
Margate	6.5	-	20	68	sunny
Minehead	5.4	0.02	20	68	sunny
Morecambe	-	0.25	16	61	rain
Newcastle	0.7	0.05	15	59	rain
Newquay	6.1	0.04	x	x	bright
Nottingham	2.7	0.01	16	64	cloudy
Penzance	3.3	0.10	x	x	bright
Plymouth	4.7	0.11	17	63	bright
Salcombe	5.2	0.01	17	63	sunny
Sandown	9.5	-	17	63	sunny
Saunton Snd	4.3	-	21	70	sunny
Scarborough	-	0.04	16	61	drizzle
Scilly Isles	3.5	0.09	17	63	bright
Shanklin	10.1	-	17	63	sunny
Southend	5.9	-	19	66	bright
Stornoway	2.7	0.05	9	48	bright
Swanage	8.5	0.01	18	61	sunny
Teignmouth	5.8	0.04	18	61	bright
Tenby	4.6	0.25	16	61	bright
Tiree	7.2	-	18	59	sunny
Torquay	7.0	0.03	17	63	sunny
Weymouth	7.6	0.02	17	63	sunny
Wick	3.8	0.02	10	50	bright

x denotes not available
These are Tuesday's figures

Currencies

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.355	2.155
Austria Sch	18.40	16.90
Belgium Fr	53.70	49.30
Canada $	2.08	1.92
Denmark Kr	10.03	9.23
Finland Mkk	8.98	8.19
France Fr	8.79	8.09
Germany Dm	2.60	2.40
Greece Dr	350.00	325.00
Hong Kong $	12.55	11.55
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.98
Italy Lire	2345.00	2200.00
Japan Yen	183.00	164.00
Netherlands Gld	2.92	2.69
Norway Kr	11.04	10.22
Portugal Esc	247.50	227.50
South Africa Rd	6.42	5.42
Spain Pta	196.00	185.00
Sweden Kr	11.83	10.83
Switzerland Fr	2.32	2.14
Turkey Lira	16100.0	15100.0
USA $	1.635	1.505

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

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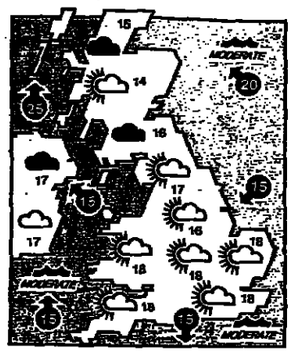

London 9.40 pm to 4.18 am
Bristol 9.50 pm to 4.28 am
Edinburgh 10.20 pm to 4.03 am
Manchester 10.00 pm to 4.15 am
Penzance 9.55 pm to 4.46 am

Sun rises: 4.46 am
Sun sets: 9.10 pm
Moon rises: 8.19 pm
Moon sets: 3.47 am
Full moon tomorrow

Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	13	55	c	Guernsey	13	55	c
B'mingham	17	63	f	Inverness	9	48	r
Blackpool	17	63	f	Jersey	13	55	c
Bristol	18	64	f	London	18	64	f
Cardiff	17	63	c	M'chester	16	61	f
Edinburgh	9	48	r	Newcastle	14	57	f
Glasgow	10	50	c	N'ridaway	13	55	f

Tides

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.14	6.7	1.48	6.8	Liverpool	10.56	8.0	11.21	9.2
Aberdeen	12.49	3.9	1.10	4.1	Lowestoft	9.07	2.3	9.24	2.4
Avonmouth	6.51	12.3	7.19	12.6	Margate	11.47	4.5		
Belfast	10.42	3.5	11.13	3.4	Milford Haven	5.48	6.6	6.15	6.8
Cardiff	6.36	11.4	7.04	11.7	Newquay	4.41	6.8	5.07	6.8
Devonport	5.20	5.2	5.49	5.3	Oban	5.28	3.7	5.54	3.8
Dover	10.41	6.3	11.03	6.5	Penzance	4.22	5.3	4.49	5.4
Falmouth	4.50	5.0	5.19	5.1	Portland	6.21	1.9	6.53	2.1
Glasgow	12.22	4.5	12.37	4.5	Portsmouth	11.04	4.8	11.27	4.8
Harwich	11.40	3.8			Shoreham	10.53	5.9	11.14	6.1
Holyhead	10.00	5.4	10.24	5.4	Southampton	10.34	4.4	10.51	4.5
Hull	5.57	7.1	6.16	7.2	Swansea	5.54	9.0	6.19	9.1
Ilfracombe	5.33	8.6	5.59	8.8	Tees	3.08	5.2	3.32	5.3
King's Lynn	6.08	6.2	6.27	6.4	Wilton-on-Nze	11.34	4.1	11.52	4.1
Leith	2.03	5.3	2.33	5.4					

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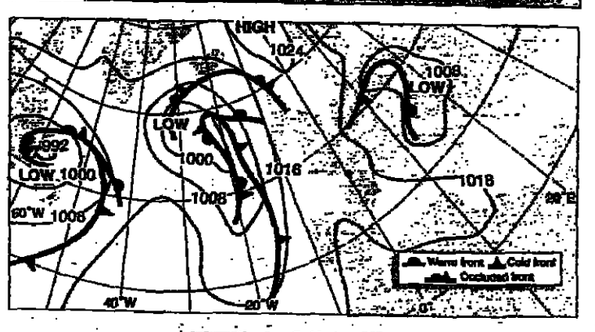

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Property shares soared as George Soros unveiled a move into the UK property market with a tie-up with British Land
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THE POUND

US $ ..... 1.5422 (-0.0142)
German mark .... 2.4610 (-0.0155)
Exchange index ..... 79.5 (-0.7)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2863.0 (+13.8)
Dow Jones ..... 3544.87 (-7.47)*
Nikkei Avg 20691.70 (+100.29)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month interbank..... 5⅝-5⅝%
US Federal Funds..... ..... 3¼%*
3-month Treas Bills. 3.07-3.06%*
Long Bond 6.90%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£:$ 1.5415*	£:$ 1.5410
$:DM . 1.5970*	£:DM 2.4587
$:SWfr. 1.4235*	£:SWfr...2.1984
$:Ffr ...5.3830*	£:Ffr 8.2640
$:Yen .107.66*	£:Yen ...165.51
£:SDR ..1.0925	£:ECU ..1.2652

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 368.25 ..... PM 369.00
Close 369.20-369.70
New York:
Comex 367.75-368.25*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI..... 140.6 April (1.3%)
* Denotes midday trading price

Navy tells submariners Rosyth won't get Trident

BY MARTIN WALLER AND ROSS TIMAN

THE Royal Navy has told its senior submariners that it expects the contract to maintain Britain's Trident submarine fleet to be given to Plymouth, which would spell almost certain doom for the Rosyth dockyard on the Firth of Forth and the 5,000 jobs there. The final decision, with its attendant political problems, rests with the cabinet.

The Navy wants the contract, worth some £120 million a year, to go to Plymouth, operated by Devonport Management Ltd (DML). A meeting of senior submariners in London last Friday was told of that preference.

The cabinet has to decide in the next couple of weeks where to place the work. The government has said that Rosyth will stay open, and some maintenance work on minesweepers and other ships is guaranteed to stay there. This, however, would be far too little for the 5,000 workers.

A decision to run down Rosyth would add to the government's unpopularity in Scotland; failure to place the work in the southwest England could weaken government support in the face of an onslaught by the Liberal Democrats. Coming so soon after the appointment of receivers to the Swan Hunter warship building yard on Tyneside, it will further focus attention on the impact of naval spending decisions at a time of defence cuts.

Papers outlining implications of either option were circulated to cabinet ministers the Friday before last. However, last Thursday's cabinet meeting was cancelled because of the reshuffle and directors at the two yards do not now expect a decision before Thursday next week.

Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, is believed to have given a warning the political cost of giving the contract to Devonport could be huge. Rosyth is managed by Babcock Thorn Ltd (BTL). Its managing director, Allan Smith, said that Babcock had commissioned a study that showed a 10 per cent swing against the Conservatives in Scotland would cost them nine of their 11 Scottish seats, against a cost of six seats in the South West on a similar swing.

Rosyth, is at present the main nuclear submarine refit base. Almost 10,000 other jobs in the region are calculated to depend upon the yard. Facilities for refitting surface ships are limited.

Devonport, the main surface ship base as well as a submarine refit facility, employs more than 5,000. More than 22,000 jobs in the South West depend upon it. Its directors insist that the Trident contract is essential to maintain employment as surface fleet work declines. In a contract likely to be worth several billion pounds, there may be no more than £100 million difference between the yards.

However, the Navy is thought to favour Devonport for its easy access to the Atlantic and the submarines' base on the Clyde. Since the threat from the East has diminished, stategists say, Rosyth is at a geographical disadvantage.

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BT and MCI in $4.3bn 'deal of the century'

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

BT is to invest $4.3 billion in a 20 per cent stake in MCI, the North American-based international telecommunications giant. The two companies will then pump $1 billion into a new joint venture company.

The new, unnamed company will be 75 per cent-owned by BT and 25 per cent by MCI. Iain Vallance, BT's chairman, said this would leave room for a partner "if we felt at some stage that it would be desirable".

Dick Liebhaber, MCI's chief of strategy and chief technical officer said: "We believe this is an alliance of historic proportions, an exceptional, once in a lifetime opportunity. This alliance is nothing less than the telecommunications deal of the century."

The partners expect their new firm to be in profit by 1996, but to see the benefit of improved sales almost immediately. It will offer a global telecoms network to multinational companies throughout the world, selling the two companies' enhanced voice and data services.

Mr Vallance said he hopes final agreement will be in place in two months and that the transaction will be completed by the end of BT's financial year in March 1994.

BT is paying $64 a share for 20 per cent of MCI by way of a cash subscription for new common stock. The price is a 23 per cent premium to MCI's share price on Tuesday. BT will take a 4.9 per cent stake in MCI this week, at a cost of $830 million, and increase its shareholding to 20 per cent when the deal is done. BT will be prohibited from increasing its stake in MCI for ten years "except in certain circumstances". BT will have the right to put three directors on the MCI board, and Bert Roberts, chairman of MCI, will join the BT board.

Michael Hepher, BT's managing director, said BT will find the money for the investment from existing cash resources and new borrowings. He said the effect on earnings will be minimal and although there will be an effect on gearing, which stood at 14 per cent at the end of March, "it will not be that high".

However, there will be a £1.9 billion goodwill write off against shareholders' funds as a result of the acquisition of the MCI stake, as the difference between the $4.3 billion and the value of underlying net assets. Shareholders' funds stood at £12 billion at the end of March. Mr Hepher said the deal will give BT an important opening into the US, the world's richest telecommunications market, putting it in a stronger position to compete with AT&T. BT had applied to the Federal Communications Commission in the US for a licence to provide American firms with internationally networked services.

Mr Hepher said BT will leave the application on the table until the MCI deal is done and then "consider what role, if any, that will have".

Neither company would give profit estimates for the new company. BT is limited on how much it can say by July's £5.5 billion government BT3 share sale.

The two have been in talks, on and off, for the past three years. However, the share sale added urgency to the talks and gave BT and MCI a deadline of this week, as the prospectus is due out this month.

BT will merge its Syncordia project into the joint venture and MCI will buy most of BT North America, made up mostly of the data network services supplier Tymenet, for $125 million, although BT will retain ownership and use of Tymenet's software and other intellectual property.

Syncordia, set up in 1991 to attract business customers, currently has over $200 million worth of contracts. Mr Vallance said BT and MCI will not be seeking a European partner for the new company. He said BT's European ambitions depend on the level and pace of liberalisation in European markets.

About 300 of BT's North American staff will lose their jobs when the new company is formed and 1,000 staff from the two companies will join it.

It will be based either on the US east coast or in west London and will be headed by a senior BT executive.

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TONY WHITE

Telecoms link: MCI's Dick Liebhaber, left, and Iain Vallance of BT, after announcing the deal yesterday

Pound hit on rate cut speculation

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

THE absence of a clear signal from the reshuffled cabinet over its next monetary move fuelled speculation about a fresh cut in base rate, further weakening the pound.

Meanwhile, comments from the Bundesbank, indicating that it is in no hurry to lower interest rates, helped the mark gain ground ahead of today's Bundesbank council meeting.

Market hopes of lower British interest rates to help restore the government's popularity helped the stock market higher. The FT-SE 100 index ended at 2,863.0, up 13.8. But there was some profit-taking in bullion after its recent surge. Gold closed in London at $370.50, a fall of almost $7 from Tuesday.

Although the market appeared to shrug off yesterday's money supply and reserves data, sterling's trade-weighted index ended at 79.5, down 0.7 from the previous close. This reflected a slip of more than a pfenning-and-a-half to DM2.4610 and a drop of more than a dollar-and-a-quarter to $1.5422 at the official London close.

The larger-than-expected fall in the narrow money supply, M0, had helped revive City hopes that Kenneth Clarke, the new Chancellor, will be tempted into an early base-rate cut. However, the Bank of England's money market operations appeared to signal no such move in the next few days.

Deputy finance ministers of the Group of Seven countries are expected to meet in Paris today to discuss currency issues. Renewed demands for further cuts in European interest rates came at the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development meeting yesterday.

But Helmut Schlesinger, the Bundesbank president, made clear in a speech to bankers that rapid German interest-rate cuts would jeopardise market faith in the German economy and were not possible.

Herr Schlesinger said there was no case for either a revaluation or a devaluation of the mark and said calls for such adjustments threatened international economic co-operation. He rejected the view presented by some economists that Germany was facing a "doomsday" scenario.

Relatively high western German inflation, which was a provisional 4.2 per cent year-on-year in May, and high government budget deficits would appear to make the case against more near-term rate cuts.

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Taxes can damage your recovery

IRWIN STELZER

Clinton I, economic recovery, nil. That's the score after the president eked out a victory in the House of Representatives last week. Fortunately, the game has only begun, and will be played out in a Senate that may prove a tougher foe than did the House.

Meanwhile, the economy is stalled. Consumer confidence has faded in the face of worries that after-tax incomes will soon be hard hit by new taxes. Knowing they will have less to spend, consumers returned, at least temporarily, to their tight-fisted pre-election ways. Consumer spending, which grew at an annual rate of 5.1 per cent in the last quarter of 1992, increased by a meagre 1.2 per cent in the first quarter of 1993, pulling the economy's growth rate down from almost 5 per cent to under 1 per cent.

Most economists see this as merely another zag in the zig-zag growth pattern that has characterised the present recovery, with the miserable performance in the first quarter of this year a reaction to the unsustainably rapid growth at the end of last year. So they see the economy growing at about 3 per cent in the second half of this year, a view reinforced by pickups in housing starts, auto sales and retail sales in April, and a recovery in manufacturing in May. But they are saying so with decreasing certainty. For one thing, it is more and more difficult to dismiss each disheartening statistic as an aberration.

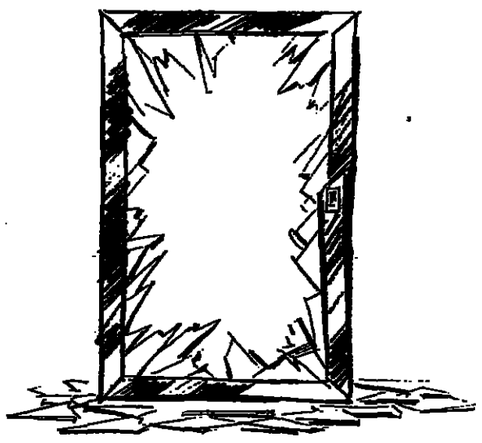
The refusal of unemployment to drop can be dismissed because the labour market is the last to improve in a recovery. The surprising rises in both producer and consumer prices can be dismissed as blips resulting from higher vegetable prices after March storms damaged many crops. The rise in gold prices can be dismissed as a Soros/Goldsmith feint to lure credulous investors. The first quarter's anaemic growth can be dismissed as a result of the March storms and a one-off 25 per cent cut in defence spending. But taken together, these indications seems to spell low growth and high inflation, the lethal combination known as stagflation.

Other facts, equally grim, clamour for attention. With both Europe and Japan in recessions that show few signs of easing, an export-led recovery is not on the cards for America just yet. Defence spending is headed down, promising continued hardship for manufacturers of military hardware and for towns depending on military bases soon to close. The dollar seems in free fall, auguring still more rapid inflation as imports become more expensive, allowing domestic manufacturers to raise their own prices, a phenomenon already apparent in the automobile industry. Consumer confidence has fallen to its lowest since Clinton's election.

Voters know when a politician is trying "to flimflam the American people," to use Ross Perot's colourful phrase. They simply do not believe that the $250 billion in new taxes they will be paying over the next five years will be used to reduce the budget deficit. History is on their side: previous tax increases have gone hand in hand with higher, not lower, deficits. Nor do they believe they have seen the last of new taxes. Hillary Clinton's health reforms will probably be financed either by a 9 per cent payroll tax or VAT of 10 per cent plus. The president's proposed energy tax, not a bad idea for the environment and national security, has an interesting feature: it is easy to raise, as the Democrats' appetite for new programmes, like Gertrude's for Hamlet's father, is grown by what it fed on.

Tax increases can harm the health of recovering economies. And there is little prospect that the Senate, after much huffing and puffing, will do the two things that might avoid the negative impact of new taxes on economic growth. First, it could raise only taxes that discourage the output of what policymakers now call "bads", such as pollution and oil imports, rather than burden "goods", such as income-producing work and investment. Second, it could earmark all new revenues for deficit reduction, rather than squander them on new programmes.

That would drive down interest rates and stimulate the economy. The chances that America will set such a good example to the new Chancellor for Britain's also recovering but also deficit-ridden economy are, however, small. New taxes and excessive spending it is likely to be, the more's the pity.



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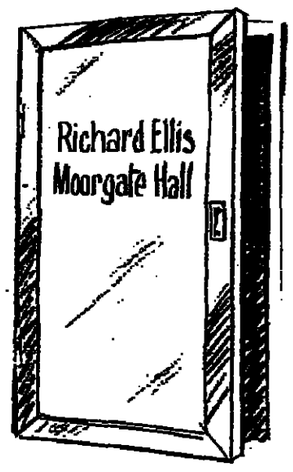

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Money supply fall suggests recovery may be faltering

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

DISAPPOINTING money supply figures for May yesterday prompted fears that Britain's hesitant economic recovery has slowed down.

The Bank of England estimated that M0, the narrow money measure, fell by a provisional 1.1 per cent last month, to give an annual growth rate of 3.3 per cent, weaker than market expectations of closer to 4 per cent. M0 is now back in the government's old target range of 0-4 per cent.

Economists said signs of fragility in the economy, combined with fears that Kenneth Clarke, the new Chancellor, will assert his office and cut interest rates, have put downward pressure on sterling.

The September short sterling contract is now priced for three-month money of 5.7 per cent, suggesting, according to George Magnus, at SG Warburg, that it is too soon for Mr Clarke to cut interest rates this month, but that base rates will come down by the autumn.

Helen Dunn, UK economist with Lehman Brothers, said the figures suggest that the increase in consumer spending in the first half of the year has tailed off. She had been forecasting a small rise of 0.2 per cent on the month, but said she now expects growth to be flat, an increase of 2.9 per cent year on year.

Economists said the figures show Britain is likely to follow the same route as America where several months of strong numbers were followed by weaker figures. They expect M0 to stay at current levels for the next few months before moving upwards. The May slowdown compares with a soaring growth rate of 4.8 per cent reported in March which followed an increase of 0.7 per cent in February.

The M4 broad money supply figures for April were unrevised at a 0.4 per cent increase with a final lending figure of £2.9 billion.

Official reserve figures showed Britain built up its underlying official gold and currency reserves by $78 million in May, lower than the expected $100 million rise. The overall level of actual reserves rose to $41.73 billion from $41.66 billion in April.

The underlying change excludes the proceeds from the month's tender of UK ecu Treasury bills and sales into the secondary market, which amounted to a total of $1.166 billion, and maturing UK ecu Treasury bills, which were $1.158 million. It also excludes repayments of borrowing under the exchange cover scheme of $22 million. The May increase follows a rise of $62 million in April.

Repayments of borrowing under the public sector exchange cover scheme in May included $6 million from BT, $5 million from British Nuclear Fuels, $3 million from Strathclyde Council, $2 million from Cheshire County Council, $1 million from Newcastle Council and $1 million from Lancashire County Council.

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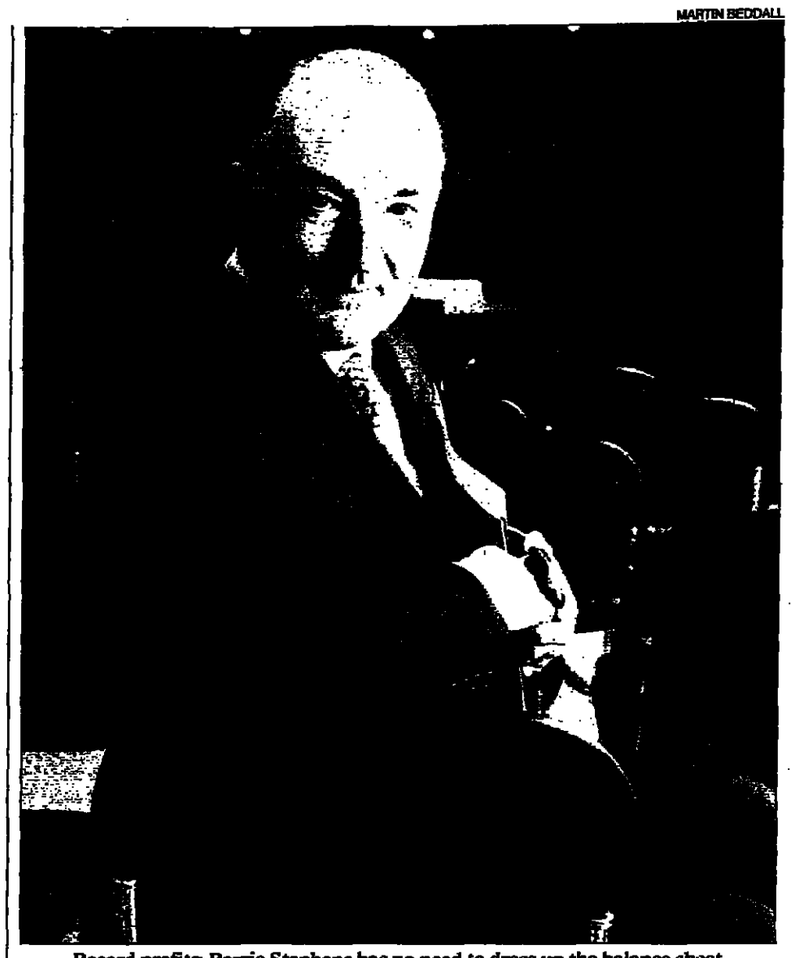

Record profits: Barrie Stephens has no need to dress up the balance sheet

Siebe denies plan to raise cash for Lucas takeover

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

SIEBE, Britain's biggest engineer, has denied any plans to bid for Lucas Industries, long regarded as one of the stock market's most likely bid candidates, or any intention to tap the market for cash.

Barrie Stephens, Siebe's chairman and chief executive, said his company, which generated almost £100 million of cash in the latest financial year, had no need to raise fresh funds for shareholders. "We're not going to issue paper to dress up our balance sheet," he added.

The stock market has been rife with talk that Siebe would be raising cash to fund a big acquisition. But as well as denying any hostile intentions towards Lucas, which has been on bid alert since last autumn, Mr Stephens played down any suggestion that his company might return again for APV, where a hostile bid failed in 1986. He said: "We don't have any huge acquisition in our sights at the moment."

Siebe shares jumped 17p to 477p yesterday as the group reported record pre-tax profits for the year to end-April and better margins. Profits went ahead from £169.6 million to £185.1 million despite a 0.6 per cent fall in turnover to £1.62 billion. Shareholders are rewarded with a 6.6725p final, making 10p against 9.075p.

Mr Stephens refuted suggestions that the American economy was on a downward course again and said the group had been particularly encouraged by the response of its American customers in the six months since the presidential election. He said: "We have had no hiccups, no diminution of demand." But he was less sanguine about Europe. The German automotive market was poor, and France was "in the cemetery".

Siebe is not ruling out more job losses on the Continent but does not think any more redundancies will be needed in Britain. The Japanese market also turned down but a recovery is forecast for the last half of the current financial year. Siebe is on track to meet the pledge made in 1990 with the purchase of the American Foxboro business that it will cut gearing to little more than 50 per cent by this September, Mr Stephens added.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Chelsfield agrees deal for shopping centre

CHELSFIELD, the private property group headed by Elliott Bernerd, has exchanged contracts to buy Merry Hill, the Dudley shopping centre, from the receivers of Mountleigh Group for a price in excess of £125 million. Mr Bernerd said that Chelsfield would own 50 per cent of the centre with a substantial Middle Eastern group taking the balance of the equity. He said that the deal would have a normal debt-to-equity ratio but that earlier plans to raise funds via a bond issue had not proceeded. In addition to its investment, Chelsfield will be receiving a fee for managing the centre.

The group's initial £128 million bid for Merry Hill was accepted by the receivers in February but Stephen James, receiver, of KPMG Peat Marwick, said the complexity of dealing with leases over 260 shops delayed the signing. Mr James said that the sale of the West Midlands site did not detract from earlier predictions that funds were unlikely to be available for Mountleigh's unsecured creditors.

Thames TV bid change

PEARSON, the publishing-to-merchant-banking group, is extending the loan note alternative in its £90 million cash bid for Thames TV, the independent producer, to shareholders with fewer than 500 shares. Pearson said it was decided to extend the alternative when a handful of the 5,600 shareholders with under 500 shares in Thames asked for the adjustment. The offer has been accepted by Thorn EMI, which owns 59 per cent of Thames.

Referee at the Revenue

THE Inland Revenue yesterday named Elizabeth Filkin as its first adjudicator to handle complaints from taxpayers about their treatment by Revenue staff. It is the first time a government department has employed an independent adjudicator to deal with public complaints. Ms Filkin, 52, will start work in earnest on July 1. She and her staff of 12 can deal with protests about problems arising after April 5, the start of the present tax year.

Cannon Street revives

CANNON Street Investments, the mini-conglomerate, expects to return to profit this year after incurring pre-tax losses of £115.5 million in the year to January 2, Tom Long, chairman, pictured right, told the company's annual meeting. He said: "The group will return to profit this year, and I have little doubt that in a year's time I shall present a greatly improved set of financial statements." However, he added that the company's portfolio of businesses was still too large and several subsidiaries would be sold.

Stakis back in black

STAKIS, the Scottish hotels and casinos group, has announced a half-way return both to profits and to the dividend list. Pre-tax profits of £2.83 million in the six months to April 4 contrast with a £3.39 million loss last time, and there is a 0.45p interim dividend, easily covered by earnings of 0.84p. Leading the revival were a 72 per cent rise in casino operating profits to £5.40 million and a 36 per cent recovery from hotels to £8.14 million.

Europe Energy hit

EUROPE Energy Group, the quoted coal mining business, reduced full-year trading losses significantly, but was hit by an exceptional provision of £61,855 for the cost of a residual oil investment in America. This resulted in pre-tax losses of £132,817 compared with losses of £160,849 last time. At the trading level it cut losses from £163,953 to £70,962. The loss per share was reduced to 1.06p (1.37p loss). There is no dividend.

ITN to buy London HQ

ITN is to buy its headquarters building at 200 Grays Inn Road in London for £77 million from Stanhope Properties. The television news company took an option to buy the property in March after its takeover by a consortium led by Carlton Communications. Annual rent of £8.6 million had contributed to ITN's financial troubles. Stanhope will receive an initial cash payment of £74 million and £3 million when vacant space is let.

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British Land and Soros agree joint venture

BY CARL MORTISHED

PROPERTY shares soared as the market welcomed a £1 billion investment package from George Soros, the currency and gold speculator, and British Land, the property group run by John Ritblat.

Mr Soros's Quantum group of funds is investing £34 million in British Land by subscribing for 11.3 million shares, and proposes to take a half share in The British Land Quantum Property Partnership, a new vehicle with £500 million of ungeared funds to spend on commercial property. John Ritblat said that could be doubled by borrowings. He added: "Partnerships are good when you want to engage in large deals. You add to your fire power and you spread your risk. We have spent over £900 million over the last two-and-a-half years."

British Land is funding its share of the partnership via a £132 million rights issue. The 4-for-17 cash call was accompanied by news of a rise in pre-tax profits from £33 million to £34 million on a 15 per cent jump in rental income to £146 million. British Land's properties fell 3.3 per cent in value over the year to March 31 taking net asset value down 6 per cent to 307p. Office investments declined 12 per cent but the retail sector which accounts for just under half the portfolio rose 6.5 per cent in value, in part due to the company's superstore holdings which benefit from guaranteed rental uplifts.

The rights issue was struck at 245p per share, a discount of 18 per cent to Tuesday's closing price of 298p but British Land shares jumped to 344p on the announcement of the deal with Quantum and major property stocks joined the rally sending the market 7 per cent ahead by the close.

Property analysts were jubilant over the Soros investment and many predicted a further hardening of yields in the direct property market. Smith New Court recently upgraded its estimates, predicting a 1 per cent yield shift over the next two years but David Tunstall, an analyst, now believes that may be too conservative: "If you get this weight of money, there is an argument that you are talking about a shift of 2 per cent over two years." Robert Fowlds, at Kleinwort Benson, said that the recent rise in the price of prime property could spread to second-tier real estate.

Quantum is paying 298p per share for its 11 million share stake in British Land but Mr Ritblat is also acquiring an extra 1.5 million shares in the company, of which 1 million will come from Quantum at 298p. Including the rights shares, Mr Ritblat's stake is to increase to 4.3 million shares.

The Quantum investment will be managed by Soros Realty which advises Quantum Realty, an US property fund capitalised at $500 million.

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Water firms ask for more time to improve quality

SIMON WALKER

High tide: Yorkshire chairman Sir Gordon Jones (centre) and his board colleagues saw profits increase

BY GRAHAM SEARJEANT

LEADING water companies are campaigning for the National Rivers Authority to extend the timetable for further improvements in water standards. Quality and financial regulators meet next month to agree a position to present to ministers on the industry's capital investment needs up to the end of the century.

Mike Hoffman, chief executive of Thames Water, will argue that it could only keep annual real price increases down to 4.5 per cent on present financial ratios if capital spending was shaded to between £400 and £450 million a year. Yorkshire Water said it would need real price rises of at least 6.5 per cent and that this would be too high for customers.

Both Thames and Yorkshire raised their dividends by 9 per cent in the year to end-March and recorded profit increases, despite significant falls in measured water sales to business.

Thames raised pre-tax profits by 6 per cent to £251 million on turnover up 16 per cent to £1.04 billion. Earnings gained 8 per cent to 59.3p per share, of which 21p is to be paid in dividends. The water utility business performed particularly well and the group's biggest project, the London water ring main, is now 21 months ahead of schedule and due to be completed next year. But there were setbacks in water engineering and contracting, which merely covered related interest costs.

Yorkshire increased pre-tax profits from £124 million to £139 million, a rise of 9 per cent excluding a one-off profit from the sale of its engineering design business into a joint venture. The 21.25p dividend is paid from earnings up an underlying 9 per cent to 62.8p per share.

Yorkshire raised an unexpectedly high £60.4 million yesterday from an issue of 15-year 6¾ per cent bonds convertible into shares at a premium of 17 per cent.

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US blames Europe and Japan for sluggish world growth

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

AMERICA sought to blame Japan and Europe for sluggish world growth at the annual meeting of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris, but met stiff opposition from the Japanese.

As the two battled it out, an OECD report claimed that structural changes caused by rising unemployment posed a serious threat to the industrialised world.

Officials warned of a "social explosion" unless the problem was tackled, yet said there was no simple remedy and that the jobless total would remain high.

The two-year study, commissioned last year, expects a record 36 million people, or 8.5 per cent of the workforce, out of work in the OECD area, up from 7.9 per cent at the end of 1992. It noted that the data masked the large numbers of people who have given up looking for work.

Europe's structural unemployment was caused by the shift of production to countries where labour is cheaper and the growth of high-tech industries requiring less labour. In the European Community, people out of work for 12 months or more last year accounted for 45.8 per cent of the unemployment total.

Britain has the smallest proportion among EC countries of its jobless classed as long-term unemployed, at 28.1 per cent. But its 10 per cent unemployment rate was slightly above the Community average. Youth unemployment last year averaged 18.4 per cent in the EC, 14.6 per cent in North America and 9.9 per cent in Australia and New Zealand. Japan and Germany were exceptions, with 4.5 and 4 per cent respectively.

The OECD called for increased competition and trade to generate new products, new jobs and high wages, plus social solidarity to help those unable to adjust.

Lloyd Bentsen, the American treasury secretary, told the meeting that Japan's giant trade surplus restricted world growth, while European interest rates were too high. But Hajime Fukuda, Japan's minister of state for economic planning, said Japan would not agree to fixed targets for reducing its trade surplus.

Vosper plans 10% increase in workforce

VOSPER Thornycroft, the Southampton warship builder, expects to recruit 200 people later this year, increasing its workforce by more than 10 per cent, as construction gathers pace on a pair of Corvettes to be exported to Oman (Ross Tieman writes).

The ships form the core of a £700 million plus order book, 95 per cent for export, which gave the company confidence to increase the annual dividend payout by 21 per cent to 15.8p. Pre-tax profits for the year to end-March were £19 million, a 19 per cent rise, on sales up a quarter to £196 million. The company is seeking acquisitions to exploit its £60 million net cash surplus.

Building societies to get boardroom guide

BY LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

BUILDING societies are to get the equivalent of the Cadbury code after the Building Societies' Commission decided to issue guidance on the constitution of boards.

Terry Mathews, building societies' commissioner, said: "The framework for the governance of societies needs to be at least as rigorous as for companies."

He told the building societies' annual conference that boards should have two "independent" non-executive directors for every executive one, and that their independence should be safeguarded.

The Commission was considering the participation of directors or senior executives in share option schemes in societies' subsidiaries.

Mr Mathews warned that directors should not expect to serve on a board and automatically be re-elected until retirement and that boards should ensure there were suitable successors to the chairman and chief executive.

The Commission recommends that only non-executive directors should determine the pay of chief executives. It would also like to see more women on boards.

Mr Mathews said societies should establish audit committees of non-executive directors which met regularly.

Another successful year

Preliminary Results for the year ended 31 March 1993

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, M4 1QD on Wednesday 9 June 1993 at 12.00 noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Payment to Section 98, Subsection (2) (b) of the Act. Mr P Lomax of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require. Dated this 27th day of May 1993. Mr A Holt, Director.

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Registered Number: 2134100. Nature of Business: Financial Leasing. Trade Classification: 38. Date of Appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers: 19 May 1993. Name of Person Appointing the Joint Administrative Receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: L.A. Manning and S.V. Frankley, Office holder numbers: 6477 & 8291 of: Buchler Phillips & Co. 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF.

IN THE MATTER OF DIRECT FURNITURE SUPPLY (DERBY) LTD AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S.98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 25 May 1993, I, Melvyn Jolian Carter, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5LU was duly appointed Liquidator of the company.
MJ Carter, Liquidator.
Dated this 25th day of May 1993.

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Dated this 26th day of MAY 1993
J.C. SHUTTLEWORTH, Liquidator

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Unsecured Creditors of the above-named company will be held at the Marlow Suite, Court Garden, Pound Lane, Marlow, Bucks SL7 2AE, on the 18th day of June 1993 at 10.00 o'clock in the morning, for the purpose of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the Administrative Receivers under section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a creditors' committee to exercise the functions conferred on it, by, or under the Act.
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(b) there had been lodged with us any proxy which the creditor intends to use on his behalf.
Dated this 1st day of June 1993
IPE Jacob and
Vivian Murray Bairstow
Joint Administrative Receivers.
Creditors may obtain a copy of the report, free of charge, on application to the Joint Administrative Receivers at 185 City Road, London EC1V 2NU.

PURSUANT TO SECTION 109 of THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Company Number: 01962876.
Name of Company: Bosmoor Bedtech Services (Watford) Limited. Nature of Business: Transport Services. Address of Registered Office: 1 Telford Way, Luton, Beds, LU3 1HT. Type of Liquidation: Creditors Voluntary. Liquidator: CM Haig, Neville Russell, 1 Telford Way, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU3 1HT. Office Holder No: 7968. Date of Appointment: 23 April 1993. By whom Appointment: The Members and Creditors. Date: 23 April 1993.

LEGAL NOTICES

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
M.S. PUBLISHING LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Warren House, 10-20 Main Road, Hockley, Essex SS5 4RY on 2nd July 1993 at 10.30 a.m. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Notice is also hereby given, pursuant to Section 98(2)(A) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that Jamie Taylor of Messrs. Taylor Oldham, Warren House, 10-20 Main Road, Hockley, Essex SS5 4RY is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the above company, and will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
Dated the 28th May 1993
By order of the Board.
Anthony Phelps, Director.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
No 004177 of 1993
IN THE MATTER OF NIMBUS MANUFACTURING (UK) LIMITED AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 12th May 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the share premium account of the above named Company by £13,227,584. AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on 15th day of June 1993. ANY creditor or shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an order for the confirmation of the said reduction of share premium account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose. A copy of the said petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated this 1st day of June 1993.
Morgan Bruce of Bradley Court Park Place, Cardiff CF1 3DP.
Solicitors for the above named Company. Ref: SED/N02039/3.

MARK PAUL CARS LIMITED
AND
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ on Thursday the 10th June 1993, at 11.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A Segal & Co., Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on from Tuesday 8th June 1993.
Dated this 26th day of May 1993.
MP DONOGHUE Director.

MINSTER LOVELL MILL LIMITED
(In Administrative receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Unsecured Creditors of the above-named company will be held at Minster Lovell Village Hall, Brize Norton Road, Minster Lovell, Oxon, on the 15th day of June 1993 at 2.30 pm in the afternoon, for the purpose of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the Administrative Receivers under section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a creditors' committee to exercise the functions conferred on it, by, or under the Act.
Creditors are only entitled to vote if:
(a) they have delivered to us at 196 City Road, London EC1V 2NU, no later than 1200 hours on the business day before the meeting, written details of the debts they claim to be due, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules 1986 and
(b) there had been lodged with us any proxy which the creditor intends to use on his behalf.
Dated this 1st day of June 1993.
Ipe Jacob and
Vivian Murray Bairstow.
Joint Administrative Receivers
Creditors may obtain a copy of the report, free of charge, on application to the Joint Administrative Receivers at 185 City Road, London EC1V 2NU.

LEGAL NOTICES

PLOWRIGHT (CITY) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named company will be held at Coopers & Lybrand, St Andrew's House, 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AY on 4 June 1993 at 3.00pm for the purposes mentioned in sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at Coopers & Lybrand, St Andrew's House, 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AY between the hours of 10am and 3pm on 2 June 1993 and 3 June 1993.
25 May 1993
By order of the Board
R F P Browne Director

PLOWRIGHT (WEST) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named company will be held at Coopers & Lybrand, St Andrew's House, 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AY on 4 June 1993, at 3.00pm for the purposes mentioned in sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at Coopers & Lybrand, St Andrew's House, 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AY between the hours of 10am and 3pm on 2 June 1993 and 3 June 1993.
25 May 1993
By order of the Board
R E P Browne Director

REFLEX ELECTRICAL (WEST) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named company will be held at Coopers & Lybrand, St Andrew's House, 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AY on 4 June 1993, at 2.00pm for the purposes mention in sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at Coopers & Lybrand, St Andrew's House, 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AY between the hours of 10am and 3pm on 2 June 1993 and 3 June 1993.
25 May 1993
By order of the Board
A J Arnsby Director

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
ADVANCE PUBLIC RELATIONS LIMITED (IN RECEIVERSHIP)
REGISTERED NUMBER: 2631875
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 12 noon on Monday the 7th day of June 1993 at the offices of Price Waterhouse, York House, York Street, Manchester, M2 4WS for the purposes mentioned in Section 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act. A form of proxy can be obtained from AJP Brereton at Price Waterhouse, York House, York Street, Manchester, M2 4WS. The form of proxy must be completed and lodged at the offices of Price Waterhouse, not later than 12 noon on Friday the 4th day of June 1993, together with details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or to be represented at the meeting.
Creditors should note that the meeting is not for the purpose of appointing a liquidator to the company.
Dated this 19th day of May 1993.
AJP Brereton
Joint Administrative Receiver.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
ROBERT G ROBERTS & JONES LIMITED (IN RECEIVERSHIP)
REGISTERED NUMBER: 796072
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 11.00am on Monday the 7th day of June 1993 at the Offices of Price Waterhouse, York House, York Street, Manchester, M2 4WS for the purposes mentioned in Section 48 and 49 of the said Act. A form of proxy can be obtained from AJP Brereton at Price Waterhouse, York House, York Street, Manchester, M2 4WS. The form of proxy must be completed and lodged at the offices of Price Waterhouse, not later than 12 noon on Friday the 4th day of June 1993, together with details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or to be represented at the meeting.
Creditors should note that the meeting is not for the purpose of appointing a liquidator to the company.
Dated this 19th day of May 1993
AJP Brereton
Joint Administrative Receiver

Blenheim targets America and France

By Martin Waller
Deputy City Editor

BLENHEIM Group, the trade exhibition organiser, is raising £73 million after expenses through a convertible preference share issue to fund purchases in France and America and add to its growing stable of exhibitions.

The stock market reacted with some alarm to the news, marking Blenheim shares back to 493p before they stabilised again at 513p, a fall of 29p on the day. Neville Buch, the chairman, said there were a number of key sectors, both geographic and by business, where the group was keen to expand. But he added it would not overpay, given the difficulty of setting a fair price for an exhibition that might take several years to produce earnings.

"We have walked away from an awful lot in America in the past six months where asking prices have been beyond us, deals worth perhaps £100 to £200 million in all," he said.

Blenheim is issuing 75.8 million convertibles and giving shareholders the chance to subscribe on the basis of nine new shares for every 11 already held. The shares convert at a price of 610p.

La Compagnie Immobilière Phénix, Blenheim's biggest shareholder, is taking just half its entitlement. Its holding will shrink from 14.85 per cent to less than 14 per cent on a fully converted basis as a result.

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STOCK MARKET

British Land's link with Soros puts new life in property shares

GEORGE Soros, the financier, has given a much needed £250 million boost to the British property market. His decision to invest in a joint venture with British Land sent a ripple of excitement through recession-hit developers and those companies with extensive property portfolios.

British Land, up 42p at 344p, will match his investment and intends raising at least £132 million with a 4-for-17 rights issue at 245p. It will raise a further £33 million by selling Mr Soros a near-5 per cent stake in the company at 298p a share.

Mr Soros and John Ritblat, British Land chairman, intend to use the money from the venture to invest in the cash-starved property market. Mr Soros made an estimated £1 billion from speculating on the pound when it came out of the ERM.

But it was a day of celebration for the sector with rises for **Allied London Properties**, 9p to 76p, **Asda Properties**, 6p to 85p, **Bilton**, 13p to 575p, **Bolton Group**, 5p to 30p, **Bradford Property**, 8p to 211p, **Brixton Estates**, 20p to 218p, **Chesterfield**, 15p to 360p, **Dencora**, 12p to 140p, **Derwent Valley**, 15p to 483p, **Evans of Leeds**, 5p to 165p, **Frogmore Estates**, 21p to 404p, **Great Portland**, 22p to 205p, **Grainger Trust**, 15p to 160p, **Greycoat**, 5p to 25p, **Hammerson**, 16p to 382p, **Helical Bar**, 7p to 214p, **Land Securities**, 30p to 583p, **MEPC**, 26p to 448p, **Slough Estates**, 22p to 222p, **Tops Estates**, 3p to 164p, and **Warner Estates**, 11p to 243p.

Plain sailing: Peter Usher, left, and Chris Girling of Vosper, where profits are up

The rush for shares in the sector helped raise overall turnover to 601 million shares, but business was generally lacklustre. The FT-SE 100 index benefited from selective support in thin trading, closing 13.8 up at 2,863.0, having been almost 20 points higher at one stage.

BT came back 5p to 421p as brokers continued to assess details of the group's proposed purchase of a 20 per cent stake in MCI, the American telecommunications group, for an estimated $4.3 billion.

Reuters was a firm market, adding 17p to £13.76 ahead of making a presentation at a foreign exchange conference in Norway today.

Grampian Holdings, unchanged at 127p, is set to recover. Kleinwort Benson, the stockbroker, says that the worst is over, with Grampian making a better start to 1993, and forecasts pre-tax profit up £2 million at £8.5 million.

ICI continued to make headway in its slimmed-down form, jumping 37p to 673p. Paine Webber, the American securities house has turned positive of the shares. But pharmaceutical companies turned easier in late trading on the back of heavy selling by American investors as worries about President Clinton's spending cuts were revived. Worst hit was **Wellcome**, down 22p at 754p, on talk of a rival to Retrovir, its anti-Aids drug, from a French company. There were also losses for **Glaxo**, 14p to 604p, and **SmithKline Beecham A**, 8p to 475p. But there were signs of revival for newly demerged **Zeneca**, up 4p at 634p.

T Cowie was steady at 218p as Sir Tom Cowie, chairman, counted his profit after exercising options on 400,000 shares at 49.6p each. He has sold the shares at 215p, an estimated paper profit of £662,000. He continues to own 8.2 million shares, or 5.78 per cent.

It looks to be full steam ahead at **Vosper Thorneycroft**, the shipbuilder, which last year pushed up pre-tax profits 19 per cent to £19 million. The group attributed the rise to interest earned on money deposited in the bank. At the last count, Vosper had £90 million on deposit almost doubling the amount of interest received to £8 million.

Shares of **Blenheim**, the publisher and exhibitions group, touched 493p before closing 30p lower at 512p, after announcing plans to raise £73 million through an issue of new convertible.

Yorkshire Water is also asking shareholders to dip into their pockets with an issue of senior convertible bonds. These will be convertible into ordinary shares after 1998. Last year, Yorkshire saw pre-tax profits grow from £124 million to £138.6 million. The shares fell 8p to 515p.

Thames Water ended all square at 506p after seeing turnover last year top the £1 billion mark. Pre-tax profits rose 6 per cent to £251 million.

Sturge, the Lloyds' insurance broker, fell 4p to 58p after seeing a drop in first half pre-tax profits from £2.6 million to £300,000 and a cut in the dividend.

MICHAEL CLARK

WORLD MARKETS

US shares have day of mixed fortunes

New York — Shares failed to hold on to modest gains in late morning trading yesterday in what analysts said was a day of individual issues.

"It's a mixed bag today," said Michael Metz, market strategist at Oppenheimer and Co. "I think that after yesterday's advance, we were due for a digestive phase. Maybe it's just a recess before stocks try to go higher again." The Dow Jones industrial average was down 7.20 points at 3,545.14 by midday.

US Treasuries were little changed after retreating briefly on a jump in April new home sales. The long bond was unchanged to yield 6.88 per cent. Investors were cautious ahead of inflation figures. Larry Wachtel, analyst at Prudential Securities, said that they would remain so ahead of the consumer price index and producer price index figures due later this month. "Money managers don't want to rush in or give up ground," Mr Wachtel said. "So we have an even keel."

Some technology stocks continued to do well, but the sector, one of the market's leaders, was mixed, Mr Wachtel said. "It's not a broad-based move like yesterday."

□ **Hong Kong** — Shares closed lower as a move by China to allow its currency to float on some markets sparked late selling of shares with China exposure, brokers said. The Hang Seng closed 53.58 down at 7,322.23.

China has decided not to intervene in support of its currency on semi-official swap centres. That has sent the renminbi sharply lower and raised concerns over earnings of many companies with extensive business in China.

□ **Singapore** — Share prices closed lower, led by declines in Cycle and Carriage, but brokers said that the market's correction was still healthy. The Straits Times index fell 4.13 to 1,890.31. Cycle closed 30 cents lower at S$6.95 after huge gains on Friday on news that Jardine Matheson had raised its stake to 24 per cent. At 25 per cent, Jardine must make a takeover offer for all Cycle shares.

□ **Sydney** — The Australian share market closed higher, led by a stronger industrial sector and after a recovery in the futures market. The all ordinaries index closed up 8 points at 1,741.9. "Interest and support has been in the industrials rather than in the resource stocks," Greg Dobson, of ANZ McCaughan, said. Brokers said that there was still overseas interest in gold, which fell after recent strong gains. Local buyers bought blue-chip stocks.

□ **Frankfurt** — Share prices drifted up towards the end of a dull session to end just below the day's highs. The Dax closed 5.32 higher at 1,625.21. Although few held out hope that the Bundesbank would lower leading interest rates when its central council meets today, one trader said that its record of surprise moves should keep players sidelined before any decision.

WALL STREET

	Jun 2 midday	Jun 1 close
AMP Inc	61¼	61¼
AMR Corp	72	72⅞
Abbott Labs	27⅛	27
Aetna Life	55⅞	54⅞
Ahmanson (HF)	18¼	18⅛
Air Prod & Chem	43⅞	43¼
Albertson's	54¼	55⅞
Alcan Aluminm	19⅞	19
Alco Standard	50⅞	50⅞
Allied Signal	65⅞	66⅛
Alum Co of Am	68⅜	68⅜
Amax	22⅜	22⅞
Amerada Hess	54⅞	54⅞
Amer Brands	34	34¼
Amer Cyanamid	52⅞	51¼
Amer El Power	35⅞	35
Amer Express	28¼	28⅛
Amer Genl Corp	31¼	32⅞
Amer Home Pr	66¼	67⅞
Amer Intl	130⅞	130
Amer Stores	42⅞	43¼
Amer T & T	61¼	62
Ameritech	73⅞	73⅞
Amoco	56⅞	56⅞
Anheuser-Busch	52⅞	53⅞
Apple Computer	57⅞	57
Archer Daniels	24⅞	24
Arkla	9⅞	10
Armco	7⅞	7⅞
Armstrng Wrld	30⅞	30
Asarco	19⅞	19⅞
Ashland Oil	26⅞	26⅞
Atl Richfield	125⅞	126
Auto Data Pro	49⅞	49⅞
Avery Dennison	30⅞	30⅞
Avon Products	56⅞	56⅞
Baker Hughes	29⅞	29⅞
Baltim Gas & El	25⅞	25⅞
Banc One	53⅞	53⅞
BankAmerica	44¼	44
Bank of NY	55⅞	55⅞
Bankers Tr NY	72⅞	72⅞
Barnett Banks	46⅞	46⅞
Bausch & Lomb	52⅞	53
Baxter Intl	30⅞	30⅞
Bectn Dickinsn	37⅞	38⅞
Bell Atlantic	54⅞	54⅞
BellSouth	52⅞	52⅞
Black & Decker	20⅞	20⅞
Block (H&R)	35⅞	35⅞
Boeing	39⅞	39⅞
Boise Cascade	26	26⅞
Borden Inc	20⅞	20
Bristol Myrs Sq	59⅞	59⅞
Browning Ferris	27⅞	27⅞
Burlington Nthn	54	54
CBS	244	243
CNA Financial	92⅞	92⅞
CPC Intl	43⅞	43⅞
CSX	72⅞	72⅞
Campbell Soup	40⅞	40⅞
Can Pacific	16⅞	16⅞
Cptl Cities ABC	533	527⅞
Cptl Holdings	38⅞	37⅞
Carolina Pwr	31¼	31¼
Caterpillar	74⅞	74⅞
Central & SW	31¼	32
Champion Intl	33⅞	33⅞
Chase Manhat	30⅞	31
Chemical Bk	38⅞	39
Chevron Corp	88⅞	89⅞
Chrysler	44⅞	45⅞
Chubb Corp	87	87⅞
Cigna Corp	59⅞	59⅞
Citicorp	28⅞	28⅞
Clorox	50	50⅞
Coastal Corp	27⅞	27⅞
Coca Cola	41⅞	41¼
Colgate-Palmolive	57	56
Columbia Gas	23⅞	23⅞
Commonw Ed	27⅞	27⅞
Compaq Comp	59⅞	59⅞
Comp Ass Intl	28	28⅞
Conagra	25⅞	26⅞
Cons Edison	34⅞	34⅞
Cons Nat Gas	52⅞	51¼
Cons Rail	54⅞	54⅞
Cooper Inds	50⅞	51¼
Corning Inc	34⅞	34
Crown Cork	38⅞	38⅞
Dana Corp	53	53
Dayton Hudson	68⅞	70⅞
Deere	63⅞	63⅞
Delta Air Lines	58	58⅞
Deluxe Corp	45⅞	46⅞
Detroit Edison	35⅞	35⅞
Digital Equip	44⅞	43⅞
Dillard Dept St	41¼	41⅞
Disney (Walt)	43⅞	44
Dominion Res	43	43
Donelley (RR)	30⅞	30⅞
Dover Corp	47⅞	47⅞
Dow Chemicals	58⅞	58
Dow Jones	30⅞	30⅞
Dresser	23⅞	23⅞
Duke Power	39⅞	39⅞
Dun & Bradstreet	60	59⅞
Du Pont	53	53⅞
Eastman Kodak	51¼	51¼
Eaton Corp	89⅞	88⅞

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Emerson Elec	61¼	62⅞
Engelhard Corp	35⅞	36¼
Enron Corp	57½	58⅞
Entergy Corp	34⅞	34¼
Ethyl Corp	29⅞	29⅞
Exxon	65	65⅞
FMC Corp	45⅞	45⅞
FPL Group	37⅞	37⅞
Federal Express	49⅞	50
Fed Nat Mtge	76⅞	77⅞
First Chicago	38	38⅞
First Interstate	58	59
First Union Rlty	10	9⅞
Fleet Finl Grp	30⅞	30⅞
Fluor Corp	41¼	40⅞
Ford Motor	52⅞	53
GTE Corp	35⅞	35⅞
Gannett	51¼	51⅞
Gap Inc Del	36	35⅞
Gen Cinema	35⅞	35⅞
Gen Dynamics	95⅞	95⅞
Gen Electric	93⅞	94
Gen Mills	66⅞	66⅞
Gen Motors	40	40⅞
Gen Reinsurance	114¼	115⅞
Gen Signal	64⅞	63⅞
Genuine Parts	37⅞	36⅞
Georgia Pac	64⅞	64⅞
Gillette	51¼	51¼
Glaxo ADR	18⅞	19⅞
Goodrich (BF)	45⅞	45
Goodyear Tire	41¼	41⅞
Grace (WR)	39⅞	39⅞
Grt Atl Pac Tea	33	32⅞
Great Wstn Fin	16⅞	16⅞
Halliburton	42⅞	42⅞
Heinz (HJ)	38	37⅞
Hercules	75⅞	74⅞
Hershey Foods	50⅞	53⅞
Hewlett Packard	85⅞	85⅞
Hilton Hotels	51¼	51¼
Home Depot	46⅞	46⅞
Homestake Mng	18	17⅞
Honeywell	38	37⅞
Household Intl	70⅞	70⅞
Houston Inds	44⅞	44⅞
Humana	11¼	11¼
ITT Corp	84	84⅞
Illinois Tool	73⅞	73⅞
INCO	22⅞	22⅞
Ingersoll Rand	34⅞	34⅞
Inland Steel	25⅞	25⅞
Intel Corp	114⅞	115¼
IBM	52⅞	52
Intl Flav & Fr	116⅞	116⅞
Intl Paper	67	66⅞
James River Va	22⅞	22⅞
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	44	44⅞
K Mart	22⅞	22⅞
Kellogg	53⅞	53⅞
Kerr-McGee	52⅞	52⅞
Kimberly-Clark	46⅞	46⅞
Knight-Ridder	55⅞	55⅞
Lilly (Eli)	50⅞	51¼
Limited Inc	24⅞	24⅞
LIN Brdcstng	100	98⅞
Lincoln Nat	78⅞	78⅞
Litton	58⅞	58⅞
Liz Claiborne	33⅞	34⅞
Lockheed Corp	61¼	61¼
Louisiana Pac	68⅞	68⅞
MCI Commun	54⅞	52⅞
Marriott	26⅞	25⅞
Marsh & McLnn	90⅞	91¼
Masco Corp	31¼	31¼
May Dept St	73⅞	74⅞
Maytag Corp	15⅞	15
McCaw Cellular	43⅞	43⅞
McDonalds	50⅞	50⅞
McDonnell D	69⅞	68⅞
McGraw Hill	58⅞	58
Mead Corp	46⅞	46⅞
Medtronic	69⅞	70⅞
Mellon Bk	55⅞	56⅞
Melville Corp	47	47
Merck Inc	37⅞	38⅞
Merrill Lynch	78⅞	76⅞
Minnesota Mine	114⅞	114
Mobil Corp	70⅞	70⅞
Monsanto	59⅞	59
Morgan (JP)	66⅞	67⅞
Motorola Inc	83⅞	83⅞
Natl Medical	9⅞	9⅞
Natl Semi	15⅞	15⅞
Natl Service Ind	26⅞	26⅞
Navistar Int	2⅞	2⅞
NBD Bancorp	30⅞	30⅞
NY Times A	28⅞	28⅞
Newmont Mng	50⅞	50⅞
Niag Mohawk	23	22⅞
Nike B	73	74⅞
NL Industries	4	4⅞
Nordstrom	29⅞	29⅞
Norfolk Sthn	62⅞	63⅞
Nthn State Pwr	45¼	44⅞
Norwest Corp	49⅞	49⅞
Nynex Corp	84⅞	84⅞
Occidental Pet	22⅞	22⅞
Ohio Edison	24⅞	24⅞
Oracle Systems	43⅞	44⅞

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Oryx Energy Co	21⅞	21⅞
Owens Corning	41¼	40⅞
PNC Financial	31⅞	32
PPG Industries	72⅞	72⅞
Paccar Inc	58⅞	59⅞
Pacificorp	17⅞	17⅞
Pac Enterprises	23⅞	23⅞
Pac Gas & Elect	34⅞	34⅞
Pac Telesis	48⅞	48⅞
Pall Corp	18⅞	19⅞
Panhandle East	21¼	22
Paramnt Comm	53⅞	53¼
Parker Hannifin	32⅞	32⅞
Penney (JC)	48⅞	47⅞
Pennzoil	64⅞	64⅞
Pepsico	36	36⅞
Pfizer	72⅞	72⅞
Phelps Dodge	45⅞	45⅞
Philadel Elec	30⅞	30⅞
Philip Morris	50⅞	51
Phillips Pet	31⅞	31¼
Pitney Bowes	43⅞	42⅞
Polaroid	36⅞	36
Price Co	29	29⅞
Primerica	46⅞	46⅞
Procter & Gmbl	49⅞	49⅞
Pub Serv E & G	33⅞	33⅞
Quaker Oats	74⅞	74⅞
Ralston Purina	45⅞	45⅞
Raychem Corp	45	44⅞
Raytheon	57	55⅞
Reebok Intl	35⅞	36⅞
Reynolds Metals	46⅞	46⅞
Roadway Srvs	53⅞	53⅞
Rockwell Intl	31¼	31¼
Rohm & Haas	58⅞	58⅞
Royal Dutch	92⅞	93⅞
Rubbermaid	31¼	32⅞
Safeco Corp	57⅞	57⅞
St Paul's Cos	81¼	80⅞
Salomon Inc	37⅞	37⅞
Santa Fe S Pac	16⅞	16⅞
Sara Lee Corp	26	26⅞
Scecorp	48⅞	48⅞
Schering Plough	66	67
Schlumberger	66⅞	66
Scott Paper	36⅞	36
Seagram	27⅞	28⅞
Sears Roebuck	55⅞	55⅞
Shell Trans	56⅞	57⅞
Sherwin Wllms	31¼	31¼
Skyline Corp	18	18
Snap-On-Tools	37⅞	37⅞
Southern Co	41	41⅞
Sthwestern Bell	38⅞	38⅞
Sprint Corp	32⅞	33
Stanley Works	45⅞	45⅞
Sun Company	25⅞	25⅞
Suntrust	44¼	44⅞
Supervalu	34⅞	34
Syntex Corp	20	21
Sysco Corp	26⅞	26⅞
TRW Inc	68⅞	68
Tandem Comp	13⅞	13⅞
Tandy Corp	31¼	31¼
Telecom Corp	3⅞	3⅞
Teledyne	19⅞	19⅞
Temple Inland	45⅞	45⅞
Tenneco	49⅞	49⅞
Texaco	64⅞	64⅞
Texas Inst	65⅞	65⅞
Texas Utilities	46⅞	47⅞
Textron	54⅞	53⅞
Time Warner	37⅞	37⅞
Times-Mirror	31⅞	31⅞
Timken	31⅞	32⅞
Torchmark	55⅞	53⅞
Toys R Us	39⅞	39⅞
Transamerica	49⅞	50
Travelers Corp	28⅞	28⅞
Tribune	54⅞	53⅞
Tyco Labs	42⅞	42⅞
UAL Corp	136⅞	136⅞
UST Inc	29⅞	29⅞
USX Marathon	18⅞	18⅞
Unilever NV	108	108⅞
Union Camp	44⅞	44⅞
Union Carbide	19	19
Union Pacific	63	62⅞
Unisys Corp	12	11⅞
USAir Group	21¼	22⅞
USF&G Corp	16⅞	16⅞
US Life	39⅞	39⅞
US West	42⅞	43⅞
United Tech	52⅞	53
Unocal Corp	32⅞	32
Upjohn	29⅞	30⅞
VF Corp	49⅞	50
WMX Tech	35⅞	34⅞
Wal-Mart Stores	28⅞	28⅞
Warner-Lambert	73⅞	74⅞
Wells Fargo	105⅞	105⅞
Westinghouse El	15⅞	15⅞
Weyerhaeuser	45⅞	45⅞
Whirlpool	53⅞	53⅞
Whitman	19⅞	19⅞
Winn Dixie	57⅞	57⅞
Woolworth	29⅞	29⅞
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	35⅞	35⅞
Xerox	76	76⅞

RECENT ISSUES

Break for the Border (48)	57	...
Bruntcliffe Aggregates (25)	33	...
China Inv Trust (100)	96	+1
China Inv Warrants	51	...
Division Group (40)	97	-1
Drew Scientific (105)	130	-8
Inveresk (150)	172	...
Irish Continental	160	...
OGC (130)	124	-3
Phonelink (155)	218	...
Pilkington Warrants	39⅞	+½
RPC (125)	165	+4
Zeneca (600)	634	+4

RIGHTS ISSUES

Avon Rubber n/p (440)	49	...
BTP n/p (185)	65	-½
British Airways n/p (245)	59	-1½
Compass n/p (420)	74	...
Conrad Ritblat SG n/p (28)	14	+8
Countryside Prop n/p (106)	21	+1
Davenport Vernon n/p (125)	10	...
EFG n/p (12)	½	...
Graystone n/p (8)	½	-½
Harmony Leisure n/p (5)	2½	...
Jarvis n/p (14)	3	...
Royal Insurance n/p (255)	28	+2

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Barclays	487p (+11p)
Nu-Swift	337p (+17p)
RMC Group	740p (+9p)
Redland	490p (+9p)
ADT	598p (+28p)
Amersham	721p (+16p)
Leigh	197p (+9p)
BICC	384p (+10p)
Cable Wireless	744p (+14p)
Scholes Group	138p (+10p)
Vodafone	443p (+16p)
Reuters	1376p (+17p)
Siebe	477p (+17p)
VSEL	769p (+11p)
ERF	223p (+10p)
Vosper Thorny	595p (+22p)
Carlton Comm	771p (+11p)
BOC	673p (+18p)

FALLS:

Betterware	260p (-7p)
Sage Group	525p (-22p)
Glaxo	604p (-14p)
Wellcome	754p (-22p)

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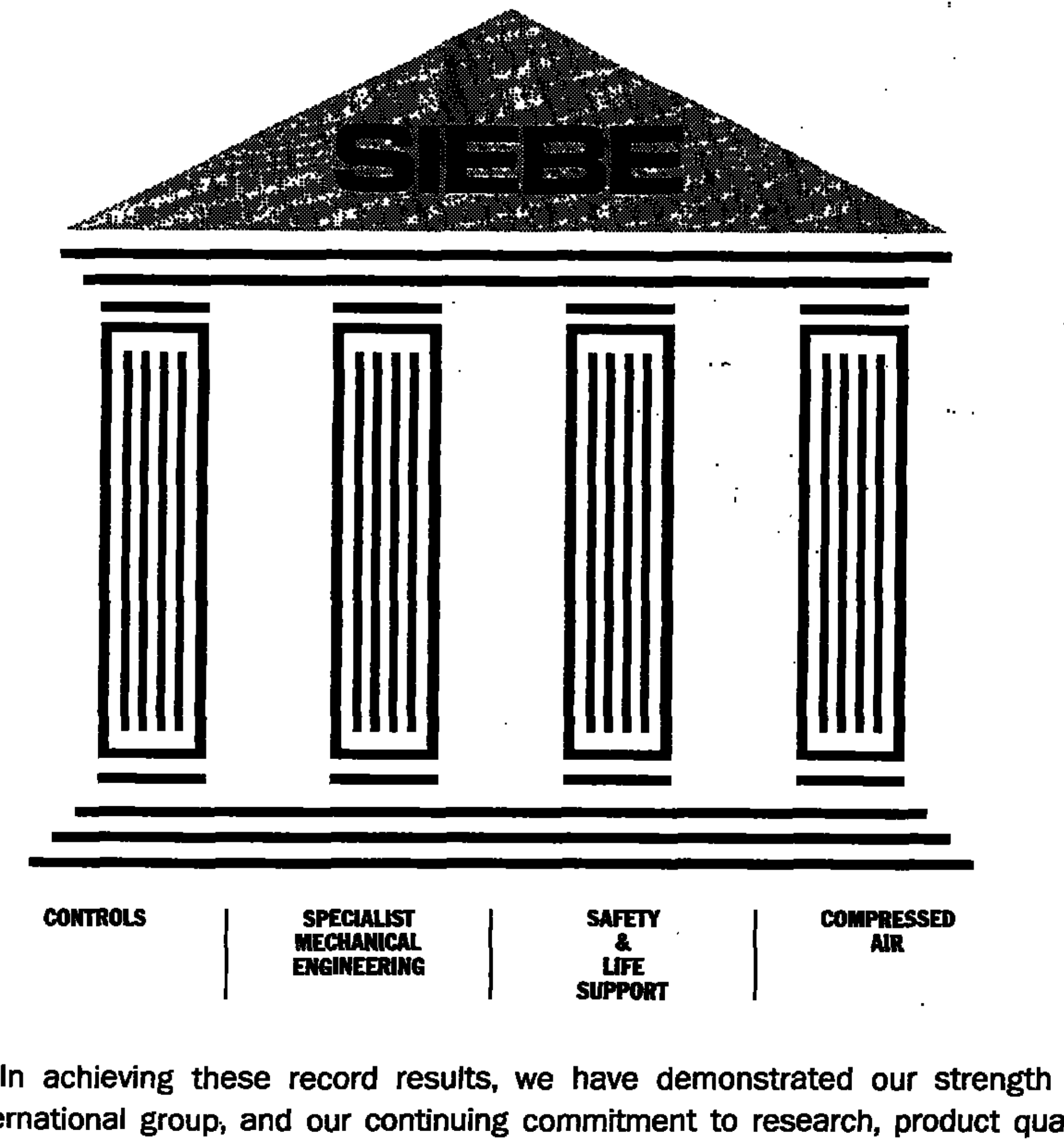

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"Siebe continues to consolidate its position as the United Kingdom's largest engineering company."

Barrie Stephens, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Results for the year ended 3rd April 1993	1993	1992	% change
Turnover	£1,618.6m	£1,628.0m	-0.6
Profit before tax	£185.1m	£169.6m	+9.1
Earnings per share	27.2p	23.8p	+14.3
Dividend per share	10.0p	9.075p	+10.2
Final dividend	6.6725p	6.05p	+10.3

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ECONOMIC VIEW

Ten easy pieces for the novice at Number 11

Everything the new Chancellor needs to know about managing the British economy — courtesy of **Anatole Kaletsky**

Economics and all that jazz: Kenneth Clarke is feeling his way

We have a new Chancellor who knows nothing about economics and, by his own admission, cannot be bothered to read long boring documents like the treaty of Maastricht. I have therefore shelved previous plans to devote this week's *Economic View* to a detailed analysis of public spending. Instead, I offer a ten-point guide to everything the new Chancellor needs to know about economics. To make it more palatable to Mr Clarke, let me start with a reassurance.

Managing the economy is a trivial task, compared with abolishing crime or moulding young minds. If Mr Clarke could master his brief at the Home Office and the Department of Education, he should have no trouble grasping economics within days.

The following ten points should suffice to get the tiro Chancellor off to a flying start.

1. Growth, inflation and unemployment. Norman Lamont said that government could not "kick-start economic recovery" and that the only objective of monetary policy was "bearing down on inflation". Look where he is today. The truth is that government policy can and must stimulate economic growth — and that is exactly what Mr Lamont was doing after White Wednesday. The trouble is that the Treasury knights never allowed him to say so, which is why Mr Clarke is now Chancellor. When inflation is high, unemployment may be "a price well worth paying" to reduce inflation. But when unemployment is crushing the nation's spirit, economic priorities and political rhetoric both have to change.

To signal the new direction, the Treasury should announce a growth target of 3 to 4 per cent annually, to stand alongside its inflation target. GDP growth averaged 3.4 per cent, from 1982 to 1986, while inflation fell. Britain should be able to do as well in *this recovery, after all the reforms of the 1980s*. If the growth targets were achieved, most other economic problems would look after themselves.

2. Monetary policy and interest rates. The cut in base rates from 10 to 6 per cent has started an economic convalescence, but for a full recovery, stronger medicine will be required. America and Japan are still floundering with interest rates at 3 per cent. And British industry now faces the European slump. No wonder industrial production, consumer spending and housing transactions are already faltering. A rate cut may be impossible before the Christchurch by-election, since pensioners object to low rates; but monetary policy will have to be eased aggressively after that.

Even if 6 per cent base rates were low enough for recovery, there would be another reason to push them down. Policy must be rebalanced, with lower interest rates counteracting a fiscal tightening. This is the only way to cut the Gordian knot of the PSBR.

3. Fiscal policy and the PSBR. The PSBR can only be reduced through economic growth. The Treasury talked Norman Lamont into a fiscal crisis by cutting its long-term growth projections in the last Budget from 3½ per cent to 2¾ per cent. If Britain could achieve 3½ per cent growth (as assumed last year), the PSBR would fall of its own accord to £15 billion (in today's money) by 1997. Of course, the new Chancellor might want to prove his manhood and eliminate the PSBR more quickly with tough fiscal measures. But any fiscal tightening must be offset by further monetary easing so as to keep the economy growing and win political acceptance.

4. Public spending. If the Chancellor does want to cut the PSBR, he cannot do it by slashing public spending. There is no cut in public spending that would make a dent in £50 billion in the short-term. Welfare reform would only yield substantial savings in the late 1990s. Even Michael Portillo wants nothing more ambitious than to keep the cabinet to present spending ceilings. Drastic cuts in some areas of public spending *are* needed — not to reduce the PSBR, but to make room for growth in other government provision.

The politics of spending cuts are also clear: to balance the budget on the backs of the old, the sick and the poor would be political suicide. If anyone must pay for the government's economic mistakes, it must surely be the middle-class Tory voters. Surprisingly, this view is widely heard in Tory seats.

5. Taxes. If Mr Clarke does want to raise taxes, he has some obvious options. Abolishing mortgage tax relief would save £4 billion; imposing a temporary "Lamont surcharge" of 10 per cent for a year or two on all income tax payments would raise £7 billion. The two measures could be introduced together after the economy had picked up steam and would eliminate the PSBR, provided interest rates were cut sharply enough before then to achieve 3½ per cent growth. For most householders, the benefit of a 2 per cent rate cut would offset the higher tax.

6. Sterling and exports. Whatever happens to taxes, spending and interest rates, sterling must be allowed to float freely or even encouraged to fall. In a world of free capital movements and floating exchange rates, rising currencies often coincide with bloated budget deficits and rising inflation. Experience shows that a fall in the pound is certain to boost exports and unlikely to produce inflation. As long as the currency is floating and wages remain under control, the balance of payments can look after itself. From 1981 to 1987 the pound fell by 27 per cent on its trade weighted index, while inflation halved. The idea that a strong currency is a symbol of a strong economy is nonsense. More often, it indicates an incompetent government struggling with its central bank.

7. Monetary Union. When Euro-enthusiasts claim that a single market is impossible without a single currency, they cite the example of the US. But why don't they then argue that a single market is impossible without a single government, or even a single language? In fact, as many travelling businessmen can attest, a single market without a single currency makes a lot more sense than a single market without a single type of telephone socket and electric plug.

8. Gilts. The Treasury claims that cuts in public spending are needed to persuade gilt-edge investors to buy £1 billion a week of government debt. Perhaps, but falling short-term interest rates and a lower pound will do the job even better. Low interest rates make gilts cheap to finance and hedge. For foreign investors, a low pound also reduces the currency risk.

Instead of worrying about the self-styled "bond-market vigilantes", the Treasury should stop issuing long gilts and borrow through short-term and index-linked bonds. This reform could slice at least £1 billion off the PSBR.

9. Financial confidence. The Bank of England habitually warns that any change in policy could "undermine credibility in the financial markets". The Chancellor should remember two sayings. First, credibility is the last refuge of the humbug. It is the last argument officials drag out to support a policy that cannot be justified by reason. Second, the markets are not as stupid as the people who work in them. The Chancellor should pay no attention to what brokers, newspapers or Bank officials say the markets think and look instead at what the markets do. Such observation would show, for example, that sterling often strengthens when Britain cuts interest rates; and that gilt-edged prices respond far less to "inflationary expectations" than to short-term money market yields.

10. Official advisers. Treasury and Bank of England officials will advise the Chancellor of terrible perils if he heeds these observations. He should ask them what their advice did for Norman Lamont. He should then stop asking for advice, and start asking for resignations.

TEMPUS

BT has another go

IF Iain Vallance, chairman of British Telecom, wanted to demonstrate it was "business as usual" despite the brouhaha surrounding the government's sale of its remaining 21.9 per cent stake, then he could not have found a more pointed way than announcing the purchase of a $4.3 billion stake in a foreign rival.

BT describes its venture with MCI as "the telecommunications deal of the century" and in terms of the price tag the claim may be justified. It is paying a premium of more than 23 per cent on MCI's share price, contributing to a £1.9 billion write-off of goodwill. With shareholders' funds of £12 billion at the end of the last financial year, BT can absorb the cost.

However, the deal will extinguish any remaining hopes shareholders may have nurtured of sharing in BT's cash pile through a one-off dividend payment. Indeed, the company's traditionally generous dividend policy may now be under threat, although BT will draw some dividends from MCI.

In the long run the alliance with MCI should bring substantial benefits, in contrast with BT's first big foray across the Atlantic. It gives BT access to the crucial North American market in a way that enables it to compete more effectively with AT&T than a solo entry could have done. The diligent, but largely unrewarded, efforts of Syncordia have highlighted the difficulties. By contrast MCI is the second largest distance carrier in the US and, like BT, has a strong presence in the rapidly-growing international market. Those companies that can aggressively gain market share internationally will eventually be the most profitable.

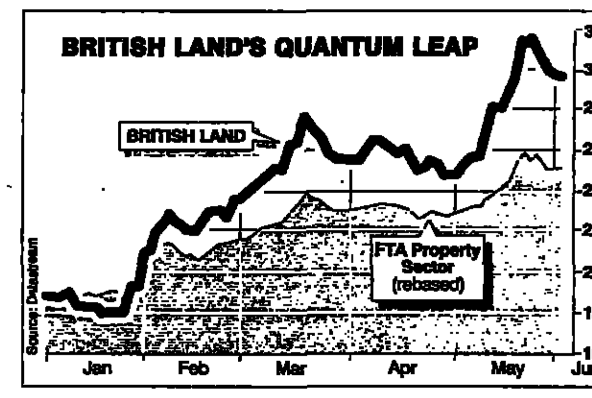
British Land

BRITISH Land's new venture with George Soros has raised the temperature under the property share market cauldron. But the heady froth now brewing in property stocks should counsel caution for investors as there is a risk of being capsized in Mr Soros's wake.

With initial capital of £500 million, the new British Land Quantum Property Partnership has enough equity to spend more than £1 billion on UK commercial property. Add to that the new money UK institutions have to spend and there is reason to believe property yields could fall further, sending values higher in the short term.

Finding the right properties, well placed for recovery, will take time, however — the new company has given itself until December 1997. That means buying where occupier demand is likely to pick up and where rental values are set to move upwards.

Cash-rich property companies like British Land are unlikely to buy the over-rented buildings currently being chased by foreign funds and domestic institutions. The surge in property shares has been driven by high dividend yields and hardening yields on over-rented properties. The market is now beginning to anticipate a return to rising rental values. With its new resources, British Land can take advantage of a return to growth in some selected sectors, but acres of vacant floor space still inhibit a general recovery.



Water shares

THE trouble with water shares is that while other sectors look for recovery, they are entering a year of regulatory debate, clouding good core performances. The first clinch this summer is between regulators over the timing of yet higher water standards.

Thames and Yorkshire are among those most enthusiastically holding Ofwat's coat in the hope that capital spending will be kept at the low end of the range. To the companies, this looks the most painless way of keeping prices within bounds, leaving less need for Ofwat to oblige them to crank up gearing or raise equity to finance core businesses.

Judging from the enthusiastic reception Barings found on the Continent yesterday for Yorkshire's tightly priced convertible, which raised £60.4 million against the intended £55 million, bond funds are far less worried about higher gearing, and equity-raising need not be via sapping rights issues.

With both companies raising dividends 9 per cent and yielding 5.2 per cent, there should be little immediate worry about the shares' status after the recent shake-out. By contrast, there remains much to prove about the non-core businesses, which are due to provide the dividend cream after Ofwat makes life harder, but have thus far shown little for the effort put into them.

Siebe

HAVING raised profits more than 260 per cent since 1987, Siebe is showing no signs of running out of steam. Margins improved across all four divisions with rigorous control of both the variable costs of production and fixed overheads. The workforce has been reduced 21 per cent since 1990 and nearly 3 million square feet of manufacturing space taken out. As output recovers, these margin gains should be consolidated, despite the inevitable rise in variable costs.

This is just as well given chairman Barrie Stephens' promise to deliver another one percentage point improvement this year. This is a testing target given how far the business has already been squeezed. Nor will he receive much help from Siebe's markets. Although the US and UK are more buoyant, Europe and Japan are still sickly and will inhibit progress.

The shares are unlikely to outperform the market in the near future, unless Siebe makes another sizable acquisition, as the City now expects.

Blenheim

ALTHOUGH it is tempting to see the return of Blenheim Group to the acquisition trail as a sign that the go-go 1980s are back again, it is probably not true.

Blenheim was the classic paper-driven acquisition stock in those heady days but retreated to plough a more organic furrow two or three years ago. The planned infill acquisitions will be tricky to achieve at the right prices, given how easy it would be to misread the French and American economies. But with little growth in its existing businesses, Blenheim needs acquisitions to move earnings per share along at the rate the market, which prices the shares on about 17 times this year's earnings, has come to expect.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

The stroke of a pen

MARCEL, Baron Bich, the French entrepreneur who had the foresight in the early fifties to buy the patent for the Biro ballpoint pen from its British owners Maybe Todd, has a historic sense of timing. Only hours away from the annual meeting of the Bich master company, Bic, it was announced that the Baron had resigned as chairman and had already been replaced by his son Bruno, a Bic director. Having brought the Biro from an obscure invention of Lazlo Biro, a fugitive Hungarian artist, to near universal use, the Baron was clearly not chosing his moment at random. This year is the fiftieth anniversary of the Biro securing the British patent that allowed its post-war breakthrough. The Baron will remain on the board. But that does not mean "no change". As Bruno Bich told shareholders in Paris yesterday, the sale of Guy Laroche, the loss-making luxury products group 95 per cent owned by Bic, is a distinct possibility. Pens and lighters are what made the Baron big, and that's where Bruno wants to return the focus.

When in France

HUGH Lang, chairman of Brammer, the industrial holding group, sent a frisson through friends and followers of the company with his "Je ne sais quoi" after this week's AGM. At a lunch following the main business he regaled the audience with a description of the performance of the French bearings distributor Brammer bought last year, Roulement Service — in fluent French. "He must have spoken for a good two minutes and sat down to a lot of applause," said one guest who was at the bash at Glaziers Hall in the City. What next? Lonrho accounts in German?

Too few Cooks

SECURITY staff at the annual building societies conference in Brighton yesterday were almost too vigilant. They tried to exclude Lindsay Cook, Money Editor of *The Times* from a session closed to the press, until she pointed out that she was in fact the speaker.

Peck of comfort

AS THE hunt relentlessly goes on for the missing Polly Peck millions a small crumb of comfort has turned up for creditors. In all, it could be worth over £200,000. That's what Phillips are expecting to get for some of the elegant furnishings and pictures which at one time made Asil Nadir the darling of the auction rooms. His boardroom at the company headquarters at No 42 Berkeley Square, Mayfair, was one of the most impressive on the corporate scene. On offer at the sale on June 15 are 18 George III dining chairs which seated the Polly Peck board. Bidding is expected to open at around £20,000. Then there is a William III Kingwood oyster-veneered floral marquetry cabinet which often surprised guests when Mr Nadir opened it. Inside

were the screens which kept him in touch with movements on the London market and other world financial centres. It could be worth £20,000. The administrators are also offering some of Mr Nadir's pictures. There are three with views of Istanbul with a price-tag of £25,000 plus. There are also works by Vlaminck and some Russian pictures. Eye-catching bronzes help to set off the splendour of the fallen tycoon's office and three by Aristide Maillol are reckoned to be worth upwards of £25,000 each.

Hired hands

ISS, the Danish group which appears to be hoovering up the cleaning services sector, has long prided itself on its Scandinavian mix of hard-nosed business and model employer-employee relations. As Waldemar Schmidt, managing director of ISS Europe, points out, fostering worker-shareholders has proved rewarding in more ways than perhaps intended. At the latest shareholders meeting in Copenhagen, he said a board forecast of an unspecified profit this year, as opposed to the 10-15 per cent increase expected, was clearly bad news to institutional investors. But 400 employee-shareholders, some four fifths of those attending the AGM, were so pleased that ISS had again managed a profit in these difficult times, that they burst into loud applause.

Means testing

THE pleasing summer sound of leather on wallet should add extra spice to the start today of the first cricket Test between England and Australia at Old Trafford. For the challenge has gone out to England batsman Graeme Hick and his fast-bowler team-mate, Chris Lewis, that could net each of them £50,000. All Hick has to do is notch up a double hundred in any of this summer's six Tests and Lewis will qualify for the same amount if he can take 10 wickets or more in any Test. To even things up, the same offer has gone to Australian batsman, David Boon, and his quickie colleague, Craig McDermott. "Just make sure the money is ready at Old Trafford," says McDermott, with antipodean diffidence. The first two past the post, to use the wrong sporting metaphor, get the cash. The scheme, and money, is being put up by Boreham Wood-based Securitised Endowment Contracts, leading market makers in secondhand policies.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

BUSINESS LETTERS

Low taxes and less regulation give East Asia's Tigers clear advantage over West European economies

From Mr Peter Kidson

Sir, The Tigers of East Asia are indeed giving Western European economies a mauling in the struggle to create more jobs (Business, May 26). This is because while our economies are burdened with high taxes and a high overall degree of regulation, theirs enjoy low taxes and low regulation. It demonstrates clearly the superiority of voluntary industrial planning in the market, over coercive central planning by government bureaucrats.

Janet Bush, whose recent article came to the opposite conclusion, made the common mistake of ascribing the Tigers' success to the relatively few areas their governments do get involved in, while ignoring the far more numerous areas they leave alone. She doesn't seem to grasp that government action can very easily cause more problems than it solves.

Those economies are very much more free-market than our own, and to reproduce their success we need to reduce the general role of government in our societies to levels comparable with theirs. In particular, we need to study and emulate the Tigers' practice of leaving labour markets as unregulated as possible (which directly boosts job-creation), as well as their unfussed approach to industrial concentration (which allows companies to grow large enough to compete effectively).

The practical implications are that we should never sign up for anything like the EC's Social Chapter, and we should either scale back or abolish our own Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Yours faithfully,
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Uneven Stevens

From Mr Philip Ditton

Sir, I see Lord Stevens, chairman of United Newspapers, publisher of the Daily Express, received an 18 per cent pay increase last year (April 20).

Bully for him! What a pity the company's generosity does not extend to its pensioners.

I served on the Daily Express from 1958 to 1969 and, at the end of last year, became eligible for a pension. The amount involved is not large, but I find that it has been uprated by the equivalent of 0.7 per cent a year over the 24 years since I left the company's employ. Is this a record?

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP DITTON,
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Shirley, Croydon.

GOVERNMENT securities continued to be squeezed higher in thin trading as investors continued to pin their hopes on further softening in domestic interest rates. These hopes received a boost from the latest money supply figures, indicating scope for a cut, but the Bundesbank refused to play ball, suggesting that there will be no easing in German monetary policy.

On the futures market, the September series of the Long Gilt made headway, climbing 15 ticks to £103 21/32.

Conditions were buoyant enough for the Bank of England to issue further tranches of index-linked stock. This included £100 million to Index-Linked 1998 and £150 million of Index-Linked 2024.

On the cash market, support concentrated at the longer end, where Benchmark Treasury 9 per cent 2012 jumped £½ to £104 11/32.

1993 High	1993 Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
103⅞	100⅝	Treas 12¼% 1993	100⅞	-⅛	12.40	5.69
100¼	99⅝	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	5.73
106¼	103¾	Treas 13¼% 1993	103¼ †	...	13.25	5.56
102⅝	101⅝	Treas 8¼% 1994	101⅝	...	8.35	5.60
109¾	106⅝	Treas 14½% 1994	106⅝	...	13.64	5.58
109⅞	106¼	Exch 13½% 1994	106⅞	+⅛	12.64	5.57
105⅞	104⅝	Treas 10% 1994	104⅝ †	+⅛	9.60	5.64
110⅞	107⅝	Exch 12¼% 1994	107⅝	+⅛	11.40	5.77
105⅝	103⅞	Treas 9% 1994	104⅝	+⅛	8.65	5.05
111⅞	108¼	Treas 12% 1995	109⅝	+⅛	11.00	6.08
96¼	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	95¼	...	3.14	5.51
109¼	107⅝	Exch 10¼% 1995	107⅝	+⅛	9.51	6.27
116¼	113¾	Treas 12¾% 1995	114¼	-⅛	11.17	6.38
120¼	117⅝	Treas 14% 1996	117⅝	-⅛	11.92	6.66
125¼	121⅝	Treas 15¼% 1996	121⅝	-⅛	12.50	6.78
120¼	116¼	Exch 13¼% 1996	116¼	...	11.34	6.79
111½	108¼	Conv 10% 1996	109¼	+⅛	9.13	6.81
122⅝	118⅝	Treas 13¼% 1997	119¼	+⅛	11.10	7.08
113¼	110¼	Exch 10½% 1997	111⅝	+⅛	9.45	7.01
106⅝	105¼	Treas 8¾% 1997	106⅝	+⅛	8.25	7.03
132⅝	127⅝	Exch 15% 1997	128¼	+⅛	11.71	7.35
112¼	109⅝	Exch 9¾% 1998	109⅝	+⅛	8.90	7.25
103¼	99⅝	Treas 7¼% 1998	100⅝	+⅛	7.20	7.05
101	97⅝	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	98⅝	+⅛	6.84	7.04
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
138⅝	133⅝	Treas 15½% 1998	134⅝	+⅛	11.56	7.56
122¼	118¼	Exch 12% 1998	119⅝	+⅛	10.08	7.64
112¼	108⅝	Treas 9½% 1999	108⅝	+⅛	8.72	7.49
124⅝	120¼	Exch 12¼% 1999	120⅝	+⅛	10.15	7.74
117⅝	112⅝	Treas 10½% 1999	113⅝	+⅛	9.24	7.59
117⅝	112¼	Conv 10¼% 1999	112⅝ †	+⅛	9.08	7.66
110⅝	106	Conv 9% 2000	106⅝	+⅛	8.41	7.63
131	125¼	Treas 13% 2000	126⅝	+⅛	10.30	8.06
115⅝	109⅝	Treas 10% 2001	111⅝	+⅛	8.98	7.99
128¼	125⅝	Treas 14% 1998-01	129⅝ †	+⅛	11.15	7.67
114⅝	108¼	Treas 9¾% 2002	110⅝	+⅛	8.84	8.12
103⅝	97⅝	Treas 8% 2003	99⅝ †	+⅛	8.03	8.03
116⅝	109¼	Treas 10% 2003	111⅝	+⅛	8.93	8.22

1993 High	1993 Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
122⅝	116¾	Treas 11½% 2001-04	118⅝	+⅛	9.73	8.26
74⅝	67⅝	Fund 3½% 1999-04	70⅝	+¼	4.97	7.45
112¼	105¼	Conv 9½% 2004	108⅝	+⅛	8.76	8.32
112⅝	105¼	Conv 9½% 2005	108⅝	+¼	8.75	8.34
131¼	126⅝	Treas 12½% 2003-05	126⅝	+⅛	9.86	8.55
101⅛	94⅝	Treas 8% 2002-06	97⅝	+⅛	8.22	8.35
125⅝	118⅝	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120⅝	+⅛	9.72	8.52
104⅛	97⅝	Treas 8½% 2007	100¾	+⅛	8.43	8.38
139¼	131⅛	Treas 13½% 2004-08	134⅝	+¼	10.06	8.56
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
108⅝	101¼	Treas 9% 2008	104⅝	+⅛	8.58	8.40
99¼	92⅝	Treas 8% 2009	96⅝	+⅛	8.32	8.45
108⅝	100¼	Conv 9% 2011	104⅝	+⅛	8.63	8.52
108⅝	100⅝	Treas 9% 2012	104⅝	+⅛	8.63	8.53
76⅝	70¼	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73¾	+¼	7.46	8.22
97⅝	89¾	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	92⅝	+¼	8.40	8.53
135⅝	125⅝	Exch 12% 2013-17	130⅝ xd	+⅛	9.20	8.77
105⅝	97⅝	Treas 8¾% 2017	101¼	+⅛	8.60	8.56
		UNDATED				
48¾	43¼	Consols 4%	46⅝	+⅛	8.54	...
42⅝	38¾	War LN 3½%	40⅝	+⅛	8.61	...
63	60¾	Conv 3½%	61⅝	-⅛	5.71	...
31¼	28¾	Consols 2½%	30¼ †	-¼	8.26	...
30¾	27⅝	Treas 2½%	28¾	-⅛	8.73	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
133⅝	131¼	Treas IL 2% 1994	133⅝	+⅛	...	1.34
197¼	194⅝	Treas IL 2% 1996	196⅝	+⅛	2.00	2.80
109⅝	105⅝	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108¾	+⅛	2.37	2.97
166¾	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165⅝	+¼	2.91	3.26
163⅝	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	161⅝	+¼	3.01	3.31
111⅝	105¾	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	109⅝	...	3.13	3.42
170⅝	159¾	Treas IL 2% 2006	168⅝	+⅛	3.13	3.36
154⅝	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	152¾	+¼	3.30	3.50
159⅝	148⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2011	157⅝	+¼	3.37	3.55
131¼	122⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2013	129⅝	+¼	3.41	3.58
139⅝	130⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2016	137¼	+¼	3.48	3.64
135⅝	124⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2020	132¾	+⅛	3.53	3.67
111¼	102¾	Treas IL 2½% 2024	109⅝	+⅛	3.55	3.67
111⅝	103¾	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	110⅝	+⅛	3.56	3.69

Nestlé

NESTLÉ S. A., Cham and Vevey (Switzerland)

CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS 1993

1. Capital increase with subscription offer
2. Conversion of participation certificates and bearer shares into registered shares

Capital structure of Nestlé S. A.

Old structure

Share capital Sfr. 364 000 000
Participation capital *Sfr. 24 000 000*
Total: Sfr. 388 000 000

1 200 000 participation certificates Sfr. 20 nominal value
11 300 000 bearer shares Sfr. 10 nominal value
25 100 000 registered shares Sfr. 10 nominal value

Capital increase 1:25

1 552 000 *new registered shares* Sfr. 10 nominal value

Structure of the capital after increase

1 200 000 participation certificates Sfr. 20 nominal value
11 300 000 bearer shares Sfr. 10 nominal value
26 852 000 registered shares Sfr. 10 nominal value

Conversion of the participation certificates and the bearer shares

11 300 000 *new registered shares* Sfr. 10 nominal value
2 400 000 new registered shares Sfr. 10 nominal value
40 352 000 registered shares Sfr. 10 nominal value

New structure Share capital Fr. 403 520 000

Decisions of the General Meeting/Board of Directors

On 27 May 1993, the ordinary General Meeting decided amongst other things to increase the share capital from Sfr. 364 000 000 to Sfr. 403 520 000 and to restructure it as follows:

1. Ordinary increase of the share capital

«Increase of the share capital, currently amounting to Sfr. 364 000 000, by Sfr. 15 520 000 to Sfr. 379 520 000 by the issue of 1 552 000 new registered shares having a nominal value of Sfr. 10 each, fully paid up, subject to the restrictions set forth in Article 6 of the Articles of Association, with a preferential subscription right for the shareholders in a ratio of one new registered share for 25 old registered or bearer *shares and for the holders of participation certificates in a ratio of two* new registered shares for 25 participation certificates. The new shares will be entitled to the dividend for the first time in the year 1993. The new shares will be offered to the old shareholders and holders of participation certificates by a consortium of banks which is subscribing the new shares as a fiduciary. The issue price will be fixed by the Board of Directors. Any preferential subscription rights that are not *exercised will be sold at the market price.*»

2. Conversion of participation certificates and bearer shares into registered shares

Increase of the share capital, from Sfr. 379 520 000 by Sfr. 24 000 000 to Sfr. 403 520 000, with the shareholders and holders of participation certificates waiving their preferential subscription rights, by the issue of 2 400 000 new registered shares, having a nominal value of Sfr. 10 each, paid up by the conversion of 1 200 000 bearer participation certificates, having a nominal value of Sfr. 20 each, into 2 400 000 registered *shares, having a nominal value of Sfr. 10 each, each participation* certificate being converted into 2 registered shares entitled to dividends as of 1 January 1993.

The bearer shares with a nominal value of Sfr. 10 will be converted into registered shares with a nominal value of Sfr. 10.

At a meeting held after the General Meeting, the Board of Directors fixed the issue price at Sfr. 800.– per new registered share, mentioned under item 1, passed a resolution approving the amendments to the Articles of Association required for the capital increases and took the resolutions needed. Subsequently, it applied for the capital increases to be entered in the Register of Commerce.

An application has been made for the 1 552 000 new registered shares arising from the subscription offer and for the new 13 700 000 new registered shares arising from the conversion of participation certificates and bearer shares to be listed at the stock exchanges in Zurich, Basle and Geneva as of 7 June 1993. It is also intended that these new registered shares will be listed on the stock exchanges in Paris, London and Tokyo. Listing of all registered shares is also planned on the Stock Exchanges in *Amsterdam, Brussels, Frankfurt and Vienna.* Official trading in participation certificates with a nominal value of Sfr. 20 and in bearer shares with a nominal value of Sfr. 10 will cease on 4 June 1993.

Conversion of certificates and bearer shares into registered shares

The conversion of participation certificates and bearer shares into registered shares will be enacted as follows:

Exchange period

7 June to 30 September 1993

From 1 October 1993, only the new registered shares with a nominal value of Sfr. 10 each will be deemed «good delivery».

Conversion ratios

1 Nestlé S. A. participation certificate with a nominal value of Sfr. 20 (with attached coupons No. 14 & ff.) will be exchanged for
2 new Nestlé S. A. registered shares with a nominal value of Sfr. 10 each (couponless non-renewable certificate)

1 Nestlé S. A. bearer share with a nominal value of Sfr. 10 (with attached coupons No. 3 & ff.) will be exchanged for
1 new Nestlé S. A. registered share with a nominal value of Sfr. 10 (couponless non-renewable certificate)

Entitlement to dividends

As of 1 January 1993, i. e. for the 1993 financial year.

Information for holders of shares and participation certificates

Certificates held in safekeeping accounts
In the case of participation certificates and bearer shares which are deposited in an open safekeeping account, the custodian bank will automatically transfer the holdings to the new security number on 7 June 1993.

Certificates kept at home
Holders of participation certificates and bearer shares who keep their certificates at home or in a bank safe are requested to present their certificates for exchange, together with the exchange form with attached registration form, either at their own bank, or directly to one of the official exchange agents.

Entry in the Share Register

The new registered shareholders, formerly holders of participation certificates and bearer shares, upon their application, will be entered in the Share Register as shareholders for all the new registered shares resulting from the conversion. If, upon filing the application for registration of these *new shares* in the Share Register, the former holders of participation certificates and bearer shares do not wish to reveal their identity to the Company, they may contact a financial institution of their choice, which may act in their place as nominee and which will be entered in such capacity in the Share Register.

However, since the nominee does not expressly state that it holds the shares in its own name and for its own account it will not have the right *to vote and the other rights relating thereto. The nominee* will be entered in the Share Register as a non-voting shareholder. All other rights, including in particular the right to dividend and the subscription rights, are expressly guaranteed to the person registered without the *right to vote, within the limits of the law and the Articles of Association.*

Following the first transfer of these shares by the former holders of participation certificates and bearer shares, the registered shares will be *subject to the restrictions on registration of the right to vote set forth in* Article 6 par. 6 of the Articles of Association. «No natural person or legal entity may be registered as a shareholder with the right to vote for shares which it holds, directly or indirectly, in excess of 3% of the share capital, subject to Article 685d par 3 of the Code of Obligations».

Charges

No fee will be charged for the exchange of the existing participation certificates and bearer shares for the new registered shares with a nominal value of Sfr. 10 during the exchange period.

Changeover in stock market trading

Official trading in participation certificates with a nominal value of Sfr. 20 and bearer shares with a nominal value of Sfr. 10 will cease on **Friday, 4 June 1993** (last day of trading). Official trading will be resumed on **Monday, 7 June 1993,** for registered shares with a nominal value of Sfr. 10 only.

Exchange agents

The exchange agents in Switzerland and abroad are the same banks as those listed at the end of this publication.

Subscription offer

The consortium of banks listed at the end has formally underwritten the ***1 552 000 registered shares with a nominal value of Sfr. 10*** mentioned under point 1 and is offering them for subscription by the *old shareholders and holders of participation certificates of* Nestlé S. A. during the period

7 to 30 June 1993, noon (Zurich time)

at the following conditions:

Subscription price

Sfr. 800.– net per new registered share with a nominal value of Sfr. 10

The Swiss federal issue tax will be borne by Nestlé S. A.

Subscription ratios

1 new registered share with a nominal value of Sfr. 10 for 25 existing registered shares with a nominal value of Sfr. 10 each,

1 new registered share with a nominal value of Sfr. 10 for 25 bearer shares with a nominal value of Sfr. 10 each (prior to conversion),

2 new registered shares with a nominal value of Sfr. 10 each for 25 participation certificates with a nominal value of Sfr. 20 each (prior to conversion)

Exercise of subscription rights

Through presentation of the subscription rights vouchers from existing registered shares, coupons No. 2 from bearer shares (prior to conversion) and coupons No. 13 from participation certificates (prior to conversion).

Subscription rights may be combined.

25 subscription rights are required to obtain one new registered share with a nominal value of Sfr. 10. Thus:

Subscription rights voucher from 1 existing registered share	= 1 subscription right
Coupon No. 2 from 1 bearer share	= 1 subscription right
Coupon No. 13 from 1 participation certificate	= 2 subscription rights

Trading in subscription rights

7 to 29 June 1993

Payment

9 July 1993

Entry in the Share Register

The entry in the Share Register of new registered shares of Nestlé S. A. will be subject to the restrictions set forth in Article 6 par. 6 of the Articles of Association, in particular, no natural person or legal entity may be registered as a shareholder with the right to vote for shares which it holds, directly or indirectly, in excess of 3% of the share capital, subject to Article 685d par. 3 of the Code of Obligations. If, upon filing the application for registration of these new shares in the Share Register, the shareholders do not wish to reveal their identity to the Company, they may contact a financial institution of their choice, which may act in their place as nominee and which will be entered in such capacity in the Share Register. However, since the nominee does not expressly state that it holds the shares in its own name and for its own account it will not have the right to vote and the other rights relating thereto. The nominee will be entered in the Share Register as a non-voting shareholder. All other rights, including in particular the right to dividend and the subscription rights, are expressly guaranteed to the person registered without the right to vote, within the limits of the law and the Articles of Association.

Sales restrictions USA

«*The new shares are not registered under the U. S. Securities Act of* 1933 (the «Securities Act»). U. S. Persons (as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act) cannot exercise subscription rights, except as described below. Persons in the United States which are «qualified institutional buyers» (as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act) may exercise their subscription rights pursuant to the procedures and terms approved by Nestlé S. A. In transactions exempt from registration under the Securities Act.» Any person exercising subscription rights will be deemed to have certified that such person either (i) is not a U. S. Person and is not exercising the subscription rights on behalf of a U. S. Person or (ii) is a qualified institutional buyer that has complied with the procedures and terms referred to in the immediately preceding sentence.»

Consortium for underwriting and exchange agents in Switzerland

Credit Suisse

Swiss Bank Corporation
Banque Cantonale Vaudoise
Castin & Cie. AG
Deutsche Bank (Suisse) S. A.
Commerzbank (Schweiz) AG
Banque Paribas (Suisse) S. A.
Banque Nationale de Paris (Suisse) SA
Banque Indosuez

Other official subscription and exchange agents outside Switzerland

Credit Suisse, London
Swiss Bank Corporation, London
Banque Paribas, Paris
Bruxelles Lambert, Brussels
SiroCredit Bank Aktiengesellschaft der Sparkassen, Vienna
Yamaichi Securities Co. Ltd., Tokio

Dealer Managers (US Rule 144A Transactions)

Lehman Brothers, New York
The First Boston Corp., New York

A prospectus is available at the offices of the aforementioned banks.

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Swiss Security Identification No.		**ISIN**
Participation certificates (with a nominal value of Sfr. 20)	213.690	CH 000 213 690 8
Bearer shares (with nominal value of Sfr. 10)	213.767	CH 000 213 767 4
Registered shares (with a nominal value of Sfr. 10)	213.768	CH 000 213 768 2

Spaniards hold out for answers on economy

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

OPINION polls in Spain ahead of Sunday's general election show the centre right Popular party (PP) to be the main opposition to the socialists (PSOE). But 17 per cent of the 30 million electorate is still undecided.

One reason for the voters' indecision is the lack of clear policies from either party on how to tackle Spain's gravest economic crisis since the civil war. The peseta may leave the ERM, unemployment is 3.3 million or 22 per cent, inflation is near 6 per cent. GDP growth this year is expected to be zero at best, this year's general government deficit is forecast to be at last year's 4.4 per cent of GDP or worse, new car sales are down 40 per cent and a record 1,135 Spanish companies went bankrupt last year owing US$10 billion, five times the 1991 figure.

Miguel Roca, 53, the Catalan nationalist leader, tipped as a future minister because his party could hold the balance of power, wishes to trade his manifesto with PP and PSOE. He says public spend

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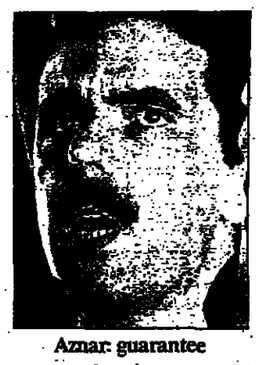
ing has to be controlled, rigid *labour laws should be* scrapped, civil servants whose jobs are duplicated in the *regions should be sacked, the regions should raise their own taxes and rampant corruption has to be curbed.*

The peseta has again been under enormous pressure within the exchange-rate mechanism. This is in spite of the third devaluation in eight *months, on May 13,* which brought to 22.1 per cent the total fall of the peseta against the mark since September.

The speculators, noting PP's gains, cannot see how the party's proposals to reactivate the economy by reducing interest rates will not result in a further depreciation of the currency. If so, the peseta would be asked to leave the ERM temporarily. But PP counter-attacked and the speculators backed off. "We guarantee the permanence of our money in the EMS and guarantee that when we have government responsibilities, we will practice a policy of stable exchange rates," claimed José María Aznar, 40, leader of the PP. "If someone thinks, or is gambling, that there could be instability in the future of Spain, in whatever circumstances, he is completely mistaken." He was backed by Luis Angel Rojo, governor of the Bank of Spain, who said: "The maintenance of the peseta in the exchange-rate mechanism of the EMS is absolutely desirable for it to be a central piece in the process of European monetary integration, and a basic reference of stability." He advised "extraordinary prudence" in any change in interest rates.

But businessmen who support PP want the peseta to leave the ERM. The confederation of Spanish employers is supporting PP, and its economics director, José Folgado, said: "We need to reduce the bank inter-rates, let the peseta float during a period of time and see what is going to happen." Central Hispano, Spain's largest bank, said: "If the government tries to prime the economy through interest rate cuts, without getting to *grips with its budget deficit and reforming the labour market, the peseta could slide making withdrawal from the* ERM a possible future issue."



Aznar: guarantee

Japanese consumer spending 'to recover'

FROM REUTER IN TOKYO

JAPAN'S sluggish consumer spending is expected to start recovering before the second half of the current fiscal year ending March 31, 1994, the Bank of Japan (BOJ) said.

"There are few factors to say consumer spending will make a drastic recovery, but I do not think it will remain weak until the second half of the year," said Kagehide Kaku, director of the BOJ's research and statistics department.

At a briefing on the BOJ's annual report on Japan's financial climate, Mr Kaku said firms' restructuring would enable them to boost profits once their sales start to rise.

Mr Kaku said Japan should give greater emphasis to downside risks of the yen's recent rise because *it is badly timed. The current recession is* worse than the previous slump of 1985/86, caused by a sharp rise in the yen, he said.

The Japanese economy could begin growing from a cyclical rebound, before waiting for the balance sheet problem to be resolved, the BOJ said. The problem is *limited to real-estate and other* sectors, and households have relatively clean balance sheets.

JAPAN'S economic slowdown has already bottomed out, said Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa. *It was just a* matter of time before consumer spending recovered. He added that recovery may be gradual because capital investment is unlikely to pick up rapidly.

ISS expects profits rise after US acquisition

BY COLIN NARBROUGH WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

INTERNATIONAL Service System (ISS), the Danish group that is the biggest player in Britain's cleaning services market, has forecast a 10 per cent rise in pre-tax profits this year after finalising the $93.5 million acquisition of the National Cleaning Group of America from NU-Swift, the USM-listed company.

The profit forecast strengthened earlier predictions of "unspecified profit" this year and brought ISS back on target to achieve the annual 10-15 per cent profits growth it has aimed for. Turnover is expected to grow by 10-20 per cent this year. ISS last year showed a pre-tax profit of 377 million Danish kroner (£41 million).

ISS is now the biggest operator in America in cleaning services and technical maintenance in buildings, with 40 per cent of its activities there.

Waldemar Schmidt, managing director of ISS Europe, said the group is looking for substantial growth in America, as the economy recovers. He said ISS was also looking to expand in the Far East.

He noted that the 20,000 employees at National Cleaning Group could make ISS the biggest non-US employer in America, with a total workforce of 50,000. National Cleaning showed an operating profit last year of $19 million on turnover of $950 million.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

KLEENEZE HLDS (Int)
Pre-tax:£606,000
EPS:3.17p (2.12p)
Div:Nil (nil)

Last time profit was £336,000. Mail order performed satisfactorily. Current sales double last year's level.

SW WOOD (Fin)
Pre-tax:£1.02m
EPS:4.6p (LPS:3.4p)
Div:0.75p,mkg 1.25p

Pre-tax loss last time was £250,000 and total div. 0.25p. Paying £2.5 million for Galt Group, based in Grimsby.

BARCOM (Int)
Pre-tax:£757,000
EPS:4.05p (LPS:0.3p)
Div:1.25p (nil)

Last time there was a loss of £76,000. End-period balance sheet shows gearing of 164 per cent following acquisition.

CUPID (Fin)
Pre-tax:£1.48m loss
LPS:10.05p (EPS:7.4p)
Div:Nil (3.25p)

Last time there was an £867,000 profit. Turnover up to £16.37m (£14.73m). Acquisitions to be sought in lingerie sector.

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Turnover remains thin

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began May 24. Dealings end June 4. §Contango day June 7. Settlement day June 14. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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No	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Hogg Robinsn	Business Serv	
2	Bradford	Property	
3	CRH	Building,Rds	
4	Mersey Docks	Transport	
5	Bridon	Industrial	
6	Cater Allen	Banks,Disc	
7	Amec	Building,Rds	
8	Hartstone	Drapery,Strs	
9	Wates	Property	
10	Johnston	Industrial	
11	Photo-Me	Industrial	
12	NFC	Transport	
13	Bolton Gp	Textiles	
14	Sheffield Insl	Building,Rds	
15	Trinity Ind	Newspapr,Pub	
16	LASMO	Oils, Gas	
17	TI	Industrial	
18	GKN	Industrial	
19	Unilever	Industrial	
20	Helical Bar	Property	
21	Vinten	Industrial	
22	Kingfisher	Drapery,Strs	
23	Eurotunnel Uts	Transport	
24	Northern Elec	Electricity	
25	Great Sthrn	Industrial	
26	Macro 4	Electrical	
27	Quarto	Paper,Print	
28	Nat Aust Bk	Banks,Disc	
29	Cadbury-Schw	Foods	
30	IMI	Industrial	
31	Warburg SG	Banks,Disc	
32	PSIT	Property	
33	GRE	Insurance	
34	Reckitt Colm	Industrial	
35	THORN EMI	Electrical	
36	Nichols (JN)	Foods	
37	Serif	Paper,Print	
38	Lloyds	Banks,Disc	
39	RMC Gp	Building,Rds	
40	Daejan	Property	
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High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
418	345	Abbey Ntl	415	+3	11.5	3.5	16.0
255	179	Allied Irish	250	+1	...	4.5	12.8
176	130	Aus New Z	162½	+4½	...	5.6	...
3606¼	2793¾	BankAmerica	2849¼	-6¼	...	...	...
250	188	Bk of Ireland	238↑	+2	...	5.6	∞
325	325	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	17.0	6.5	...
147½	110½	Bank Scotland	140½	+1½	4.5	4.1	20.0
470	362	Barclays	467	+11	15.1	4.1	∞
3¾	2	Benchmark	2¾	...	...	...	...
52	31	Brown Shipley	35	...	...	...	...
19½	15½	Carlisle	18½	...	...	...	...
490	395	Cater Allen	480	+3	20.0	6.7	...
126	85	Cattles	126	...	...	4.2	16.3
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	2000↑	+37½	...	...	...
2043½	1343½	Citicorp	1837½	+12½	...	...	...
370	250	Close Bros	369	...	...	3.3	16.4
£125½	9275	Commerzbk	£114½	-25	...	3.4	...
£304½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£274½	+246¼	...	2.3	...
81	45	First Nat Fin	73	...	...	...	...
1372	876	Fuji Bank Y	1372	+36	...	0.4	∞
465	343	Gerrard Nat	434	+3	23.5	6.9	∞
654	490	HSBC	634	+3	19.0	3.7	16.5
634	474	HSBC HK	630	+4	19.0	3.8	14.8
356	243	Hambros	341	...	13.8	5.1	15.1
383	313	Joseph (L)	358	...	15.8	5.5	...
155	96	King Shaxson	134↑	...	9.8	8.4	...
421	312	Kleinwort Ben	416	-3	16.0	4.8	14.4
573	492	Lloyds	549	+9	18.4	4.2	15.7
87	65	Lon Scot Bk	83	...	3.0	4.5	16.5
451½	332	Nat Aust Bk	425	-6	...	4.6	...
489	398	Nat West	488	+6	17.5	4.7	28.4
362	270	Provident	340	...	11.4	4.2	14.7
47	30	Rea Bros	42	...	0.5	1.5	46.6
288	207	Ryl Bk Scot	286	+1	8.4	3.8	31.9
987½	467½	Schroders	950	...	...	1.4	18.9
758	576	Stand Chart	741	+2	20.0	3.4	...
195	145½	TSB	185	+3	6.4	4.5	...
140	78	Union Disc	135	+1	...	...	...
738	520	Warburg SG	738	+5	...	3.3	19.0
249	185	-do- 6% 'A'	249	+2	...	3.0	...
7850	4843¾	Wells Fargo	6800	+50	...	1.5	...
170	121	Westpac	166	+6	...	4.6	...
215	188	Wintrust	205	...	9.3	5.7	7.9

BREWERIES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	526↑	-2	...	4.8	17.4
467	440	Bass	457↑	+4	18.9	5.2	8.8
271	189	Boddington	262	+1	7.3	3.5	15.3
415	362	Bulmer (HP)	384	...	9.0	2.9	17.7
159	129	Burtonwd Brw	144	...	4.4	3.9	10.5
307	261	Devenish (JA)	284	...	7.8	3.5	18.0
98	75	Eldridge P 'A'∆	91	+1	...	4.5	24.1
68½	50½	Fosters Brewing	52	+1½	...	5.2	7.2
390	338	Fullr Sm 'A'∆	380	...	...	2.2	16.4
480	383	Grand Met	411	+6	12.3	3.8	15.4
427	380	Greenalls Grp	383↑	+1	11.7	3.8	12.7
563	505	Greene King	554	...	11.6	2.6	14.4
516	440	Guinness	489	-1	...	...	...
281	230	Hardy Hanson	240	...	7.9	4.1	13.3
125	105	Heavitree∆	105	...	3.0	3.6	25.2
95	78	-do- 'A' LV∆	82	...	3.0	4.6	19.6
299	255	Highland Distl	291	...	6.0	2.6	19.3
3125	2538	Holt J	2960	-13	43.0	1.7	19.3
58	33	Hoskins Brew	36#	...	...	...	40.3
323	250	Invrgordn Dist	282	...	7.0	3.1	∞
186	157	Macallan-Glen	170	...	0.9	0.7	38.2
464	375	Macdn Martn 'A'	388	...	8.8	2.9	∞
775	685	Mansfield	775	...	13.6	2.2	16.6
250	231	Marston Thmp	232	-1	4.9	2.6	13.6
435	409	Matthew Clark	411	...	15.7	4.8	12.3
300	253	Mrydwn W	283	+8	...	3.0	19.8
518	455	Morland	518	...	8.4	2.0	20.5
12	6¼	Paramount∆	9	...	...	2.1	16.0
980	753	SA Breweries	840↑	...	...	3.3	∞
482½	408	Scot & New	442	-2	16.1	4.5	12.2
223	181	Taunton Cider	205	...	...	2.9	19.1
248	213	Vaux Group	220↑	...	9.3	5.5	15.2
304	275	Wetherspoon JD	298	-3	...	2.0	24.1
507	435	Whitbread 'A'	487	+2	...	4.7	11.9
1180	850	-do- 'B'	[illegible]	...	...	3.4	23.0
643	496	Wolvrhmptn D	512↑	+3	11.4	2.8	14.4
515	475	Young 'A'	480↑	-3	14.5	3.8	∞

BUILDING, ROADS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
115	73	Abbey	115	...	...	1.2	41.5
27	13	Albrighton∆	20	...	...	...	...
106	82	Allen∆	100	...	...	6.2	10.8
99	65	Amec	93	+4	3.0	4.0	17.2
9½	4	Anglia Sec	7	...	...	...	...
214	155	Ashtead∆	212	...	4.2	2.4	26.3
142	106	Attwoods	115	+2	3.0	5.5	16.4
240	180	BBB Ind	221	+3	...	4.1	58.7
89	57	Baggeridge Brk	85	...	3.1	4.6	28.3
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	22	...	0.5	...	...
105	74	Barcon	100	-4	1.2	1.6	17.9
167	94	Barratt Devs	142	+3	2.0	1.8	15.8
412	305	Bellway	394	-1	...	3.8	22.8
33	15	Bellwinch	26	...	...	...	...
423	295½	Berkeley Gp	388	+2	...	1.9	26.8
78	45	Bett Bros	78	...	...	...	3.2
63	30	Blockleys	61	...	1.0	2.0	67.4
285	189	Blue Circle	252	+3	...	5.6	...
306	250	Boot (Henry)	282	...	5.9	2.6	15.8
106	78	Breedon PLC	94	...	4.6	6.1	22.7
121	82	Br Dredging	114	...	5.2	5.7	25.3
75	45	Brit Fittings	71	...	1.5	2.6	...
191	99	Bryant	135	+1	4.8	4.4	28.9
81	53	CALA	80	...	2.3	...	...
278	205	CRH	278	+4	...	3.3	17.7
43	25	Cakebread Rby	34	...	...	...	...
36	23	Costain	25	+1½	...	...	...
137½	86½	Countryside	129↑	+1	...	4.0	33.7
70	48	Crest Nicholson	64	...	0.0	...	...
94	28	Cussins	88	...	...	...	...
3½	1½	Dunstone∆	1½	...	...	...	...
25	10½	Edmund Hngs	20	...	0.5	3.1	...
248	178	Epwin	245	...	6.8	3.4	20.0
51	29	Erith	50	...	0.3	0.9	...
330	252	Ete Group∆	303	...	...	3.5	12.7
96	54	Evered Bardon	90	...	2.0	4.7	25.1
8	4½	Explaura∆	5½	...	...	...	...
141	97	Freeman Gp∆	132	...	...	4.7	31.0
90	56	Galliford	[illegible]	...	4.3	...	16.9
73	60	Gibbs & Dandy	63	...	...	...	...
868	695	Gleeson (MJ)	805	...	12.7	1.8	14.0
125½	90	Hewden-Stuart	117½	-1	...	3.4	27.2
51	28	Hewetson	49	...	...	...	48.8
281	186	Herrd Wm	276	-2	12.5	4.5	...
83	72	Higgs & Hill	[illegible]	...	2.5	3.7	...
35	27	How Gp	[illegible]	...	1.5	6.9	...
19	15	Howard Hldgs	18	...	0.5	3.5	...
[illegible]	[illegible]	Hunt Johnson	[illegible]	+3	1.0	1.9	...
18½	12½	Jarvis	16	...	...	...	...
278	195	Laing (J)	272	...	9.0	4.4	10.2
81	45	Le Clydesdale∆	68	...	4.5	8.3	25.0
21	10½	Lovell (YJ)	19	...	...	...	8.6
318	240	Manders	310	+1	9.0	3.6	19.0
143	93	Marley	134	+1	4.2	3.9	39.3
90	61	Marshalls	88	...	...	7.1	29.4
162	122	Maunders (J)	153	+2	4.9	3.8	14.8
306	225	McAlpine (A)	254	...	6.5	4.0	35.3
40	21	McCarthy & S	37	+1	0.5	...	...
400	272	Meyer Int	381	+1	...	3.3	40.0
4	4	Mollin Gp∆	4#	...	...	...	...
128	83	Mowlem (J)	120	-3	6.0	4.2	...
78	51	NSM	55	...	...	...	...
53	48	Nendict∆	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
185	88	Newman Tnks	149	...	...	6.7	18.9
300	192	Persimmon	275	+3	8.6	3.9	28.1
33	22	Phoenix Timber	33	...	...	...	...
1023	[illegible]	Pochins	[illegible]	...	29.0	2.4	8.3
140	90	Prowting	133	...	3.4	3.5	...

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High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
6¼	3¾	Quiltgotti∆	4¾	+¼	...	...	...
741	555	RMC Gp	740	+9	...	3.4	28.1
117	90	Raine Ind	100	...	6.0	7.5	16.7
36	20	Ransom∆	21	...	...	...	...
519	402	Redland	480	+9	23.0	6.4	28.5
75	54	Rodset	72	...	4.3	7.5	10.6
284	207	Rugby Group	284	+6	6.4	2.8	21.7
42	23	Sed-Rive∆	42	...	...	...	...
112	68	Sharpe & Fisher	112	...	...	4.5	19.5
172	86½	Sheffield Insl	171↑	+6	...	4.3	42.0
100	82	Sheriff Hldgs∆	100	...	...	2.5	14.9
95	66	Shortco∆	73	...	...	8.8	16.6
228	200	Smart (J)	200	...	8.5	5.4	9.0
6¼	4¼	Stormin	5↑	...	0.3	7.5	∞
142	105	Tarmac	135	+4	5.5	5.1	...
194	137	Tay Homes	182	...	5.8	4.0	11.6
118	63	Taylor Woodrw	112	+8	1.0	1.1	...
550	433	Tilbury Dougls	547↑	...	33.0	7.5	∞
22	19	Torex Hirse	22	+3	...	1.9	...
228	168	Travis Perkins	226	+3	8.0	4.4	30.8
40	30	Try Group	39	...	1.0	3.2	11.0
28	26	Tudor∆	28	...	...	1.1	...
68	41	Vibroplant	64	+2	3.6	7.0	11.8
65	20	Ward Hldgs	54	...	...	...	...
36	25	Watchouse	31	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	394	-1	10.7	3.4	17.0
26	8	Wescol∆	26	...	...	...	...
152	90	Westbury	145	...	5.0	4.4	...
12	4½	West Scaffoldg∆	6¾	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9#	...	...	...	...
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	451	+8	8.7	2.4	30.9
205	147	Wilson (C)	186	+3	3.9	2.6	30.2
186	10½	Wimpey G	176	+4	3.2	3.2	...
47	25	YBM	45	...	4.0	...	5.2

BUSINESS SERVICES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	465	ADT	598	+28	...	...	∞
228	198	Adam & Harvey	223	...	11.0	6.5	3.3
82	56	Air London∆	65	...	...	6.9	7.8
54	37	African Lakes	54	+4	2.0	4.6	...
178	125	Aston Sec	169	+1	5.3	3.9	∞
116	84	BET Ord	115½	+6½	...	7.0	16.9
93	41	BNB Res	91	-2	4.9	6.7	...
318	258	BPP	280	...	8.0	3.5	15.9
285	235	Barbour Index	238	+3	7.2	3.8	17.7
22	15	Boustead	19	...	0.7	4.6	...
240	184	Brit Data Mgt	240	...	...	2.1	20.0
21	11	Broadcastle∆	21	...	...	...	16.7
73	54	Brooks Service	71	...	...	...	...
104	85	CRT Gp	90	...	2.4	3.3	10.3
175	139½	Capita Group	175	...	...	1.5	27.3
42½	31	Carlton Plc	42½	...	0.8	2.4	∞
35	40	Chiltern Capital	67½	-2½	...	...	...
51	26	Christie	41	...	...	...	...
290	228	Chubb Sec	288	+1	...	1.2	31.8
30	18	Comaca	43	...	...	4.4	10.7
23	6½	Corp Services	21	...	...	...	...
58	30	Dart	88	...	3.3	4.7	10.0
231	198	Davis Service	220	...	...	4.5	16.6
104	85	EW Facts	92	...	4.3	5.9	10.5
28	11	Gardiner	25	...	0.6	3.3	17.3
44	20	Gardiner (DC)	36	...	...	...	...
240	218	Hays	228	-2	4.6	2.6	21.5
220	174	Hogg Robinson	186	+4	6.3	4.2	14.0
70	50	Holmes Protctn	50	-1	...	...	32
189	127	Hunt Wtrmp	179	-3	...	2.6	∞
£125½	9650	ISS B DKr	£125½	-212½	...	0.9	17.3
637	532	Inchcape	585	+4	...	2.9	20.5
863	669	Johnson Clean	828	...	25.7	3.9	∞
12	2¾	Lep	11½	...	...	...	...
244	173	Mitie Gp	230	...	2.7	1.8	18.1
1187	893	Manpower	969	...	...	...	...
48	40½	Michael Page	48	...	1.8	4.2	20.6
279	217	Pennse∆	254	...	...	1.0	64.3
4½	2	Prime People∆	3¾	...	...	...	...
142	82½	Proudfoot Alex	85	-2	12.0	17.6	∞
423	373	RCO	375	...	12.8	4.6	12.9
118	105	RBA	105↑	...	4.0	4.8	...
98	43	Reed Executive	97	+2	...	...	...
156	113	Reliance Secs	127	+1	...	4.4	12.8
238	182	Rentokil	191	...	2.3	1.5	23.8
278	240	Rolfe & Nolan	260	...	7.2	3.5	∞
399	348	Salvesen (C)	368	...	7.0	2.4	20.4
35	29	Scott Pickford∆	29	...	...	3.4	8.0
299	164	Securiguard	288	...	9.4	3.9	15.8
6½	5	Select App∆	6	...	...	...	...
988	695	Serco Gp	985	...	14.0	1.8	26.7
352	250	Sherwd Cmpt∆	255	+3	...	3.4	∞
130	90	Shirley	90↑	...	3.0	4.2	∞
355	310	Warner Howard	321↑	+1	6.5	2.5	16.8
45	27	Welpac	30	...	0.6	2.3	...
26	14	Wills Gp	22	...	...	0.6	30.1

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	212	Allied Colloids	213	-3	3.9	2.3	18.9
759	613	Amersham	721	+16	12.5	2.2	26.7
7	3¾	Anglo Utd	3¾	...	0.8	...	...
£101¼	8325	BASF DM	9387½	+187½	...	7.4	...
299	209	BTP	257↑	-2	...	4.5	20.9
£119	£107	Bayer DM50	£108½	+109½	...	5.3	...
178	134	Blagden	173	...	9.5	6.9	18.6
105	93	Brent Chems	92	-1	...	9.5	8.0
530	395	Br Bio-Tech	400	...	...	...	...
29	18	Cairol Gp	25	-½	1.3	6.6	∞
153	126	Canning (W)	144	...	7.2	6.2	17.0
608	504	Courtaulds	534	+3	...	3.3	14.0
281	228	Croda	277	+2	...	3.5	18.1
146	121	Doeflex	135	...	4.6	4.3	10.4
208	175	Ellis & Everard	206	+1	7.0	4.3	18.8
32	15½	Euro Colour	30½	-½	0.8	3.3	∞
291	250	Halstead (J)	289	...	...	2.6	14.5
241	196	Hickson	241	+1	...	4.1	22.3
£114½	8850	Hoechst	9850	+87½	...	3.8	...
223	195	Holliday Chem	222	+2	...	2.1	20.4
676	606	ICI	673½	+37½	...	5.1	...
648	581	Laporte	618	+13	19.5	3.9	37.1
223	181	Leigh	197	+9	7.8	5.0	16.1
19½	7	MTM	13	-1½	...	...	...
1725	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1725	+25	...	1.7	24.5
450	370	Pateson Zoch	448	...	11.4	3.2	19.3
400	350	-do- 'A'	398	...	11.4	3.6	17.2
296	247	Plysu	247	...	7.0	3.6	∞
215	173	Porvair	215	...	3.6	2.1	23.0
13	3	Sutcliffe Speak	10½	...	...	...	...
475	429	Wardle Storeys	435	...	16.0	4.6	17.5
490	395	Wolstenholme R	495	...	17.0	4.7	15.6
402	368	Yorks Chem	391	...	...	2.4	20.9
306	240	Yule Catto	295	+2	5.9	2.5	18.0

DRAPERY, STORES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
105	83	Alexon	90	+1	3.0	4.2	...
87	42	Amber Day	76↑	...	3.1	5.1	20.8
319	257	Argos Plc	309	+2	...	2.8	26.4
116	69	Ashley (Laura)	111	+1	0.1	0.1	...
305	278	Asprey∆	285	...	...	2.1	23.1
250	188	Austin Reed	248	...	5.0	2.5	∞
183	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	145	+2	6.0	5.2	∞
121	97	Bentalls	109	...	1.9	2.2	...
280	227	Betterware	280	-7	2.0	1.0	∞
35	32	Blacks Lsr	35	...	3.1	...	7.2
227	133	Body Shop	203	-3	1.7	1.0	∞
16	12	Brown & Jackson	15½	...	...	0.7	∞
401	318	Brown (N)	362	...	7.0	2.3	∞
87½	64½	Burton	84	-½	...	3.0	...
145	126	Cantors	143	...	...	2.3	19.0
353	265	Church	353	...	12.5	4.4	31.4
183	97	Clinton Cards	145	...	4.2	3.7	17.5
247	212	Coats Viyella	233	+1	...	3.9	36.3
100	78	Colorvision∆	91	...	...	...	15.4
504	374	Courts Furnish	504	...	5.0	1.2	25.3
155	115	Crown Eyes∆	137	...	...	5.5	6.4
109	89	Dairy Farm Intl	103	+3	...	3.3	16.4
70½	57½	Dewhirst (I)	70½	...	1.0	1.8	22.6
281	194½	Dixons Grp	217	...	6.0	3.5	35.5
400	320	Dunhill	381	-1	7.2	2.5	13.2
21	12½	ERA Gp	16	...	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	460	...	16.0	4.5	15.4
115	21	Essex Furn	101	...	...	3.4	17.1
249	203	Etam	240↑	+1	6.9	3.6	22.0
582	489	Fine Art Dev	538↑	...	12.7	3.0	∞
50	36	Fired Earth Tiles	38	...	...	...	...
505	498	Formminster	498	...	12.5	3.1	10.4
66	24	French Conn∆	66	+½	...	...	...
46	21	Gabbicci∆	46	...	2.0	...	9.2
65	45	Gem SR	49	...	2.8	5.1	14.4
47	23	Goldsmiths Gp	46½	...	0.3	0.8	...
2935	2400	GUS	2913	...	40.0	1.7	23.2
1728	1565	-do- 'A'	1660	+20	40.0	3.0	13.3
40	34	Hampden Grp∆	34	...	...	3.7	16.9
277	30	Hardone	38	+4	4.8	16.0	2.3
25	20	Helene Plc	25	...	2.0	10.9	10.9
40	29	Heritage∆	35	...	...	...	...
89	35	Honeysuckle∆	60	...	...	2.1	8.5
93	63	Jacques Vert	76	...	2.0	...	...
619	496	Kingfisher	584↑	+7	...	2.9	19.1
74	68½	Leslie Wise Gp	66	...	4.0	7.6	13.6
665	485	Liberty	640	...	7.2	1.4	75.4
320	265	Lloyds Chem	307	-4	5.5	2.2	12.0
152	120	MFI	132	+4	...	3.6	17.6
365	311	Marks Spencer	334↑	+4	...	3.0	18.8
515	445	Menzies (John)	499	+1	10.0	2.5	16.6
177	135	Moss Bros	177	+2	5.5	3.9	∞
170½	139½	Next	167↑	+1	2.5	1.9	∞
48	15	Oliver (G)	40	...	...	...	...
230	197	Oriflame Intl	215	...	...	5.6	14.0
63	45	Pentos	54↑	...	1.5	8.5	11.2
313	255	QS Hldgs	284↑	+4	5.1	2.3	20.2
41½	11	Ramars Group	33½	...	2.4	9.0	...
36	26½	Rhino Grp∆	31	-½	...	...	...
128	120	Rosebys	138	...	...	3.9	16.6
178	137	Sherwood Gp	160	...	...	1.9	15.2
106	93	Sears	101	-1	3.5	4.3	∞
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	431	+4	13.4	3.9	15.2
13	4½	Specialeyes∆	11	-1	...	...	...
239	176	Storehouse	208	-1	...	3.0	26.6
191	148	T & S Stores	164	+1	3.9	4.5	12.2
133	71	Tie Rack	131	-1	...	1.0	21.3
220	180	Time Products	212	...	7.5	4.5	∞
100	63	Usher (Frank)∆	92	...	...	6.8	7.3
45	27	Vivat	35	...	1.0	3.6	10.8
40	25	Wenstum∆	36	...	...	6.3	...
120	78	Wickes	119	...	...	...	52.8
65	45	Wid of Leathers	65	...	...	2.6	...
198	148	Wyevale∆	189	...	...	...	...
4	2½	Xtra-vision∆	2¾	...	...	...	∞

ELECTRICALS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
182	147	ACT Group	148	-3	4.5	3.8	14.6
240	223	Aai∆	238	...	...	3.1	19.9
162½	88	Acorn Comp∆	95	-10	...	...	49.1
480	385	Admiral	457	...	5.4	1.5	18.5
131	104	Alba	128	...	4.7	4.6	16.6
43	19½	Alphameric	37	...	...	...	...
39½	22	Amstrad	35½	+2½	0.4	...	...
128	73	App Holo∆	78	...	...	...	...
21	13	Arlen	20	...	...	...	...
58	38½	Aster	57½	+1	...	...	0.9
280	230	Bowles Hunter	275	...	9.2	4.2	14.5
9	3¾	Bennett & Fount	5½	...	...	...	...
407½	319	BICC	384	+10	10.2	6.3	36.0
575	455	Bisk	484	...	9.2	2.4	18.8
1700	1150	Borland∆	1680	...	...	...	...
319	274	Bowthorpe	315	+2	6.3	2.5	∞
449½	376	BT	421½	-5	...	4.2	20.8
10½	5¾	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	10½	...	0.1	1.2	...
151	110	Burnfield	140	...	3.7	3.5	22.1
780	669	Cable Wireless	744	+14	13.2	2.2	23.0
17½	11½	Calotide	17½	+½	...	...	...
251	229	CML Micro∆	251	...	...	2.4	16.5
115	74	Compir People	115	...	0.6	0.7	...
159½	108½	Cray Elect	159½	+2½	...	0.4	12.8
380	263	Critchley	338	+2	...	2.3	24.0
119	86	Dale	99	...	5.1	6.4	9.6
548	414	Delta	530	...	...	3.3	21.8
298	205	Denmans El∆	297	+2	...	2.6	12.7
420	480	Domino	480	-1	7.2	1.8	16.7
65	48	Dowding Mills	59	...	2.5	5.3	19.4
1040	865	Druck∆	1036	...	...	1.1	28.3
411	356	Electrocomps	390	+2	7.0	2.2	21.1
575	470	El Data Prc	555	...	5.1	1.1	15.2
36	13	Electron House	30	...	2.3	3.7	24.4
30½	10½	Emess	28	...	0.1	0.4	...
587	442	Eurotherm	580	...	8.0	1.7	28.4
136	108	FKI	132	...	2.3	2.3	25.6
391	340	Farnell Elect	384	+2	8.2	2.0	∞
51	33	Feedback∆	48	...	...	...	...
9	4½	Ferranti	5½	...	...	...	...
165	101	First Tech	159	-1	...	1.9	∞
236	81	Forward Gp∆	224	...	...	...	...
21	16	Forward Tech	16	...	...	...	...
339½	264	GEC	332	+4½	9.6	3.7	17.0
182	132	Graseby	154	+1	10.9	8.8	∞
11½	8½	Graystone	9½	+½	...	...	...
39	26	Highland	37	...	...	1.6	12.7
150	113	INSTEM∆	135	...	...	2.0	9.7
388	300	Jones Stroud	378	...	8.0	2.6	18.5
14	8	Kembrey	13	-½	0.3	3.8	3.0
321	260	Kenwood App	311	...	...	3.0	18.5
181	142	Kewill Sys∆	168	-5	...	...	8.4
203	100	Kode	202	...	5.3	3.4	24.0
60	16	Laser-Scan∆	51	...	...	...	...
345	122	LRM45∆	309	-2	...	...	...
300	280	Lee Refrig	280	...	9.0	4.2	...
179	135	Life Sciences	155	-4	3.5	2.9	14.8
232	164	Logica	231	+1	3.6	2.0	27.3
54	44	LPA Inds∆	45	...	...	9.8	12.7
242	179	MR Data Magnt	183	+3	4.3	3.0	17.5
673	523	Macro 4	668	+8	...	2.4	22.4
630	527	Marcher-Sw∆	595	...	...	1.9	19.5
3013	1988	Micro Focus	2220	-13	...	...	20.4
227	187	Microgen	188	...	7.2	4.8	12.8
34½	23½	Microvitec∆	24½	-½	...	...	...
514	357	Misys	498	-7	6.1	1.5	22.7
227	98	Mitel	201	+2	...	...	...
128	108	MMT Comp∆	119↑	...	...	3.7	15.1
28	16	Molynx	25	-1	...	6.5	2.4
272	202	MTL Instr∆	218	...	...	2.1	16.4
165	122	Muirhead Elect	133	...	3.0	2.8	16.3
154	116	Murray Electr	154	+2	1.8	1.6	71.6
6412½	5225	NYNEX	5475	+125	...	...	...
188	140	Neotronics	158	...	2.6	2.1	20.4
68	42	Newmark (L)	65	...	...	...	...
114	58	Norbain∆	111	...	...	1.1	18.6
75	30	Northumber	69½	+9½	0.5	0.9	...
15½	9	Oceonics	11	-½	...	...	7.1
253	195	Oxford Inst	247	...	4.3	2.2	16.6
83	48	P-E Internat'l	74	...	1.0	1.7	...
75	29	P & P	70	...	1.4	2.5	37.2
80	35	Psak	67	+1	3.4	6.3	17.5
190	115	Pegasus∆	158↑	...	...	3.0	40.5
9000	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
1050	725	-do- Lmp uv	975	+12½	...	...	...
453	343	Pilco	452	...	7.7	2.2	38.3
433	303	-do- 'A' Voting	432	...	7.7	2.3	36.6
96	69	Plasmec∆	72↑	...	...	6.5	6.1
104	76	Pressac	98	...	2.4	3.1	19.8
135	108	Prism∆	125	...	...	2.5	33.2
224	180	Racal Elect	205	+3	1.5	0.9	24.3
60	45	Radamec	55	+2	1.0	3.4	∞
70	43	Radius∆	59	-1	...	5.7	20.4
92	61	Real Time ∆	77	...	...	4.9	7.0
35	18	Riva∆	31	...	...	...	...
620	488	Sage Gp	525	-22	9.0	2.1	16.8
66	49	Scantronic	64	...	2.9	5.8	20.2
142	117	Scholes Grp	138	+10	5.0	4.5	27.1
330	270	Sema Gp	303↑	+1	2.8	1.2	24.6
39	26	Silvermines	32	...	...	9.0	...
45	37	Soundtracks∆	43	...	...	6.4	14.5
2437½	1757½	TDK	2312½	+87½	...	1.3	∞
27	4½	TDS Circuits∆	15	-1	...	...	...
155	80	Telemetrix	149	...	0.8	0.7	∞
899	809	THORN EMI	885	+7	...	4.6	18.0
111	96	Thorpe FW	104	+1	2.5	3.0	10.7
100	75	Total Systems∆	75	...	2.3	3.8	13.4
445	372	Tunstall	436	...	6.0	1.7	17.3
256	164	Unitech	240	+1	5.8	3.0	42.0
11½	6	Verity∆	8½	...	...	...	...
34	24	Vistec∆	33½	...	...	1.1	28.5
444½	367	Vodafone	443	+16	...	1.6	21.7
441	368	Volex	392	-1	...	5.4	19.0
22	11	Western Selectn	19	...	...	...	...
253	223	Wholesale Ftgs	254	+1	11.7	5.8	24.2

ELECTRICITY

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
487	389	East Midlands	460	+6	17.1	4.6	8.8
486	399	Eastern Elect	472	+5	16.7	4.4	11.7
356	304	Hydro-Elect	341	-1	10.1	3.7	12.1
500½	404	London Elect	465	+2	16.8	4.5	9.0
549	458	Manweb	523	+7	18.2	4.4	7.5
514	424½	Midlands Elec	471	+7	17.2	4.6	9.9
549	440	Northern Elec	511	+5	18.5	4.5	7.6
544	439	Norweb	505	+2	17.7	4.4	9.5
337	285	Scottish Power	322	-1	...	4.4	11.7
529	436	Seeboard	508	+6	17.2	4.2	9.2
571	469	Sth Wales	547	+8	19.4	4.4	8.7
532	426	Sth Western	488	+4	17.4	4.5	8.8
496	406	Southern Elec	472	+7	16.6	4.4	9.3
552	455	Yorkshire Elec	520	+6	17.7	4.3	9.7
355	273	National Powr	352	-3	...	3.8	10.7
366	273	PowerGen	364½	-3½	...	3.6	11.3

FINANCE, LAND

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	51	Aitken Hume	51	...	0.5	...	32.6
85	47	BWD∆	84	...	...	4.8	13.1
90	26	Baltic Plc	85	...	1.0	1.5	∞
453	420	Caledonia	420	...	14.4	4.3	16.1
1500	1075	Camellia	1375	...	27.0	2.5	11.6
265	243	Candover	264	...	10.2	4.9	18.7
100	71	Hentech∆	96	-3	...	0.7	∞
303	155	Govett	281	-1	...	5.4	8.8
150	125	Ivory Sime	150	...	...	5.3	15.7
6½	3	LIT	3½	+¼	...	...	...
12	11	Lightstep	12#	...	...	...	0.6
203	154	Lon Forfaitng∆	200	...	8.4	5.4	14.1
57	47	Manakin	57	...	...	...	...
12½	3¼	Nat Home Loan	10	...	...	...	...
49	40	Newmarket	49	...	...	...	...
275	246	Rathbone Bus	275	+2	6.0	2.7	16.7
22½	17	Rutland Tst	22½	+½	...	4.4	13.4
330	254	S & U	254↑	...	10.0	4.9	∞
69	48	Singer & Fried	64	...	2.6	5.1	∞
963	738	Sofinbpt	938	...	...	4.0	...
108	83	SJP Capital	107	...	3.0	3.5	19.4

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1950	1487½	Amer Express	1837½	...	...	...	...
234	183	Electra	228	+1	6.7	3.7	31.1
978	805	Henderson Ad	910	...	41.0	5.6	20.0
122	92	Invesco MIM	111	...	3.0	3.4	∞
223	166	Jardine Strat	223	...	...	3.2	11.0
194	154	MAI	182	+1	6.0	4.1	13.2
522	388	MAM	521	...	15.0	3.7	∞
799	633	M & G	777↑	-1	...	3.5	20.7
225	115	Smith New Ct	223	+1	4.5	2.5	8.9
80	55	Trio Hldgs	78	...	...	4.8	...

FOODS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	461	AB Food	470	+1	14.0	3.8	10.6
77½	33	ASDA Group	70	-½	...	2.9	22.6
255	170	Acatos & Hutch	236	...	6.5	3.8	12.3
76	55	Albert Fisher	61	...	3.7	7.7	10.2
407	297	Argyll	349	+1	...	4.0	12.7
25	12	Ashley Group	16½	...	...	4.3	...
147	127	Assoc Fisheries	132	...	8.0	7.6	∞
210	180	Banks (S C)	208	...	8.2	5.0	10.4
402	310	Barr (AG)	370	...	6.5	2.2	18.7
85	57	Bensons Crsp∆	62	...	...	5.7	13.9
141	112½	Berisford Intl	139	-1	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	373	...	...	7.3	38.4
53	35	Borthwick	52	+½	1.2	2.9	∞
491	430	Brake Bros	491	+2	6.2	1.6	20.4
51	38	Budgen	41	...	...	...	13.0
511	415	Cadbury-Schw	449	+7	...	3.7	16.7
115	78	Carrs Milling	101	...	3.9	4.8	20.2
201	178	Cranswick∆	191	...	...	4.9	14.1
18	8½	Cullens	17	...	...	0.5	13.7
384	168	Dalepak	207	...	...	6.0	3.6
491	404	Dalgety	430	+2	19.5	5.7	12.5
54	37	Daniels S	54	...	...	0.6	...
134	122	Devan	129	...	...	3.4	17.8
285	269	Farepak∆	280	...	...	2.2	20.6
10	3	Farringford	7½	...	...	...	...
94	78	Finlay (James)	78	...	...	4.1	6.8
125	78	Fyffes	105	...	...	1.5	17.4
483	328	Geest	368	-1	8.1	2.8	16.6
12	7	Global∆	11	...	...	5.7	17.1
45	43	Grand Central	43	...	1.1	3.3	...
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	182	+2	6.1	4.2	11.0
171	131	Hillsdown	149	-1	...	7.4	11.7
750	616	Iceland Frozen	715	+1	10.0	1.7	21.3
131	111	IJJ Group	120	...	4.5	4.7	17.3
853	731	Kwik Save	768	...	16.0	2.6	14.7
262	193	Low (Wm)	195	+1	8.4	5.4	9.4
58	41	Matthews (B)	58	...	2.2	4.8	38.0
19½	12½	Merchant Retail	19	...	1.1	7.5	∞
174	149	Morrison (W)	157	-1	...	0.6	20.4
538	443	Nichols (JN)	533	+5	13.6	3.2	15.4
283	242	Nthn Foods	258	+1	...	3.8	14.1
22	13	Nrthmbrn Fds∆	15	+1	...	...	6.3
229	172	Nurdin Peack	207↑	...	6.1	3.7	∞
241	205	Park Foods	227	...	3.2	1.7	28.3
115	83	Perkins Food	109	+1	4.4	5.0	∞
96½	47	Presshouse	84	+2	...	0.7	48.5
6	1½	Regina Hlth∆	5½	...	...	...	...
594	446	Sainsbury J	494↑	+5	10.0	2.5	∞
68	33	Sentry Farms∆	60	...	...	3.1	14.0
225	170	Sims Food	175	+2	11.2	8.0	9.5
459	357	Tate & Lyle	375	-2	12.8	4.0	11.8
273	208	Tesco	227½	+1	...	3.8	10.5
211	123	Thorntons	139	...	3.6	3.3	12.9
183	101	Tranb∆	175	...	...	2.6	20.0
375	300	Unigate	333	-2	15.3	5.7	11.9
437	340½	Utd Biscuits	388	-1	...	4.9	20.0
25	21	Usborne	22	+1	0.4	2.3	13.5
337	248	Watson & Phil	308	...	13.3	5.4	16.1

HOTELS, CATERERS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
16	15	Abstin Slt Hs∆	16	...	...	...	...
89	77	City Centre Rest	85	...	1.5	2.3	20.5
209	170	Forte	198	-5	...	4.7	15.5
199	155	Friendly Hotels	174↑	+4	5.7	4.1	∞
8	5	Harmony Leis∆	7½	...	...	...	...
110	87	Jarvis Hotel	107	...	...	3.7	12.6
215	154	Ladbroke	182	+3	11.1	2.7	15.5
73	59	Mandarin Orntl	70	-1	...	4.5	18.8
59	44	Queens Moat	47½	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
99	83	-do- 7¼% cvpr	85#	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	¼	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	47	...	3.4	9.2	9.2
24	11½	Ryan Hotels E	18	...	...	6.3	∞
795	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	785	...	7.0	1.1	...
57	34½	Stakis	55	...	...	1.0	...

INDUSTRIALS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	178	AAF Inds	199	...	...	5.5	12.2
616	478	AAH	487	-1	16.3	4.2	15.5
172	140	AIM	142	...	6.5	5.7	8.8
132	88	APV	108	...	...	6.7	...
233	81	ASW	215	...	...	3.5	...
164	124	Adwest	164	...	7.0	5.3	23.3
28	10	Aerospace Eng	27	...	1.0	...	16.4
495	434	Airsprung	495	...	7.5	1.9	12.7
146	113	Alexdra W	146	+1	3.8	3.3	40.3
13½	7	Allied Radio	7½	...	...	...	...
540	415	Alumasc	540	...	11.0	2.5	16.5
35	17	Alvis	34	+1	1.0	3.7	7.0
420	345	Amber Ind	385	...	17.0	5.5	10.3
38	18	Amberley Gp∆	33	...	...	3.8	...
145	120	Andrews Sykes	120	-6	4.4	4.6	68.5
803	703	Antofagasta	766	...	...	2.6	14.2
50½	37	Armour	42	...	1.4	4.4	12.3
170	143	Ash & Lacy	156	...	6.4	5.1	16.0
3½	2½	Asst Br Eng	3½	...	0.0	1.9	...
541½	434	Avon Rubber	489↑	...	...	4.2	19.5
235	166	Assoc Nursg∆	210	...	...	...	8.0
687½	544½	Atlas Equip	657	...	...	4.2	16.5
48	25	Ayrshire Metal	45	...	...	...	...
172	147	BBA	153	+4	...	6.1	11.0
56	28	BET Group∆	35	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	22	-1	5.0	...	0.0
770	680	BOC	673↑	+18	23.2	4.3	14.8
79½	62	BSG	66½	...	...	6.0	23.1
487	393	BSS Group	486	...	...	4.4	19.4
621	330	BTR	606	-1	...	3.7	20.8
221	188	BWI	192	...	6.7	4.4	18.5
41½	31	Babcock	34½	+1	2.1	7.8	∞
7½	4	Bailey (CH)	6½	...	...	...	...
289	241	Baird (Wm)	262	-1	8.9	4.2	18.2
1062½	556½	Barlow Rand	667½	...	...	5.4	3.6
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	59	...	...	3.0	24.2
15	5	Beaufort	9½	...	1.6	...	...
8½	6½	Beckenham∆	8	-½	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)∆	30	...	...	...	...
27½	15½	Benson Group	18	...	0.1	0.7	16.6
707	513	Bespak	515	...	9.0	2.2	16.1
133	83	Bibby (J)	92↑	...	9.7	...	5.4
300	129	Billam (J)	241	...	5.0	2.6	12.2
41	21½	Binson Bressn∆	36	...	...	...	...
11½	6¼	Birmec Ind	8½	...	0.6	...	...
158	126	Birkby	154	...	...	0.8	...
48	32	Black Arrow	44	...	2.1	6.0	10.5
1½	½	Black & Edgtn∆	1½	...	...	...	...
185	136	Black (Peter)	175	...	3.9	2.1	18.0
274	129	Bluebird Toys∆	273	-1	...	2.1	17.0
587	494	Bodycote	579↑	...	10.0	2.2	18.5
563	425	Boots	447	+2	...	3.7	16.8
61	45	Booth Inds	58	...	3.2	6.9	6.0
577	429½	Bowater	489	+5	11.5	2.9	19.3
1682	1335	Bowater Inc	1437↑	+42	...	...	...
248	199	Brammer Inds∆	244	...	...	1.9	18.3
19	12½	Braswray	17	...	0.5	4.3	22.0
268	204	Brammer	249	...	13.0	6.5	22.5
18	12	Bridgend Gp	16½	...	1.2	...	7.4
108	64	Bridon	108↑	+6	4.0	4.6	∞
70	53	Bridport-Gndry	70	...	4.1	7.3	13.1
40	31	Brierley Inv	38	+2	...	8.4	9.3
308	260	Br Bldg & Eng	260	...	...	1.1	...
59	42	Br Bloodstock∆	49	...	...	...	...
517	417	Br Polythene	516	...	...	2.4	18.5
102½	54	Br Steel	99½	+4	...	1.3	...
130	100	Br Syphon	128	...	3.0	2.9	35.0
15	11½	Br Thornton	14½	...	...	2.2	...
266	216	Br Vita	236	-1	7.1	3.8	14.5
13	6½	Brixton Grp	12½	+1	0.0	0.3	...
730	555	Broken Hill	636	+16	...	2.9	29.7
109	78	Bromsgrve Ind	106	...	4.0	4.7	14.6
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	9½	...	...	...	...
70	51	Brown & Tawse	68	...	...	4.7	...
118	91	Bullough	110	+1	6.0	6.9	18.8
26	13	Business Tech∆	18	...	...	...	21.7
28	17	CI Group	25↑	...	1.0	5.0	∞
25	15	Campbll & Arm	21	...	2.0	...	...
34	6½	Cannon St	30	+7½	...	...	...
240	205	Cape	230	+2	10.5	5.7	14.7
228	178	Carclo Eng	206	...	...	5.2	17.3
2882	2138	Carnaud Mtl	2363	+50	...	2.8	∞
78	68	Cassidy Bros∆	72	...	...	4.2	8.0
183	158	Castings	183	+2	4.3	3.0	∞
145	113	Chamberlin Hill	135↑	...	6.2	5.8	∞
707	609	Charter Cons	629	-4	21.5	4.3	15.1
280	220	Chemring	280	...	...	3.6	16.9
92	52	Chieftain Gp∆	82	...	5.1	12.3	11.3
30	17	Chillington	29	-1	0.5	2.2	...
204	144	Christies Int	201	-1	1.5	0.9	∞
61	34	Claybithe	58	...	2.5	5.4	...
90	70	Clayton Son	80	...	...	...	...
7	7	Co Designers∆	7#	...	0.2	...	...
400	350	Cohen (A)	350	...	10.0	...	...
221	179	Community H	187	-1	6.5	4.3	11.6
246	186½	Concentric	205↑	...	...	3.4	17.3
209	120	Cook (Wm)	197	-3	5.0	3.2	∞
215	182	Cookson	202	...	...	3.7	26.7
46	38	Copymore∆	46	...	...	2.7	∞
238	173	Crowd Fitr'A'	188½	-½	5.7	3.8	16.1
178	124	Croda	130	...	10.7	...	19.5
234	160	Creighton Nt∆	177	+3	...	4.9	22.8
48	27	CrestaCare	48	+1	0.5	1.3	41.5
3456½	2993½	Dana	3412½	+137½	...	...	...
828	314	Danka Bs Sys	790↑	+17	4.5	0.7	∞
16	5	Davies (DT)∆	16	...	...	...	...
711	642	De La Rue	675	+7	...	3.2	17.5
25	16	Diskie Heel	22	+1	0.9	5.4	17.5
494	391	Diploma	485↑	-2	9.7	2.5	25.2
71	50	Dobson Park	70	...	5.7	...	12.4
99	92	Dyson (J&J)	99	...	5.0	6.3	14.2
66	57	-do- 'A'	66	...	5.0	9.5	9.5
16½	8	EPG∆	12½	...	...	...	...
421	367	EIS	385↑	+1	...	3.9	∞
15½	9½	EIT Gp∆	9½	...	...	...	...
28	19	Elbief	24	...	...	...	...
43	19	Eleco	20	...	...	3.3	11.8
2350	1912½	Electrolux 'B'	1912½	-25	...	2.9	...
66	45	Elliott (B)	59	-1	...	...	...
484	403	Eng China Cl	418	+5	20.0	6.0	∞
2800	1550	Ericsson 'B'	2825	-6½	...	1.1	...
90	27	Erskine Hse	90	...	...	3.2	9.4
53	32	Eurocopy	46	...	1.6	4.3	17.9
81	47	Expamet	81	+1	3.2	5.0	∞
636	499	Fairey Group	636	+2	10.2	2.0	19.6
95	53	Fenner	78	...	4.2	...	14.7
68	33	Ferraris Group∆	59↑	...	...	2.2	13.5
1½	¼	Ferrometal∆	1	...	...	...	...
29	23	Ferrum	27↑	+3	2.5	11.6	18.9
51	28	Fife Indmar	51	+1	0.5	1.2	...
251	156	Fisons	168	+1	...	6.7	18.9
33	29	Fitzwilton	38	...	...	14.1	...
255	215	Flogas	240	...	...	4.2	9.9
43	39	Folkes Group nV	39	...	1.5	4.8	∞
74	56	French (Thomas)	62	...	3.6	7.3	31.1
218	166½	Frost Group	215	-1	4.0	2.3	...
85	71	GEI Int	82	...	7.3	11.2	16.9
489	434	GKN	473	+9	...	5.4	31.5
51	42	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	5.4	...
98	70	Garton Eng	94↑	...	4.0	5.3	...
160	108	Gestetner	108	-2	8.2	9.5	4.7
36	23	Glevex	23	...	...	...	16.6
803	545	Glaxo	604	-14	17.0	3.5	16.7
26	16	Glenchewton	24	...	...	...	...
311	285	Glynwed	301↑	...	11.6	4.8	28.4
100	66	Goode Durrant	96	...	5.4	7.0	20.3
134	102	Grampian Hld	127	...	5.5	5.4	22.1
431	341	Granada	400	+2	7.7	2.4	21.4
387	301	Great Sthrn	387	+4	...	3.6	15.9
96	78	Green (Ernst)∆	96	...	...	9.1	13.3
14	8½	Greenacre∆	12	...	...	2.9	∞
17	8	Guardian Grp∆	10	...	...	...	...
54	30½	Haden MacLn	48↑	-2	...	3.2	17.3
83	44	Hadleigh Inds∆	75	...	...	...	...
235	115	Hall Eng	223	-3	8.6	4.8	18.6
258	215	Halma	230	+2	2.2	1.2	28.5
49	30	Hampson Ind	37	...	2.3	...	10.0
265½	228	Hanson	230½	+½	...	6.2	11.7
221	187	Harris (Philip)	220	...	...	3.9	15.6
187	147	Harrisn Crsfld	178	-2	9.0	6.3	25.7
67	38	Havelock Euro	67	+3	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	38	...	...	...	...
25	17	Headway	22	...	0.7	4.0	11.6
394	301	Hepworth	387	...	14.8	4.8	16.7
225	160	Hewitt (J)	218	+4	3.0	1.7	17.0
38	15	High-Point	33	...	1.3	...	...
135	112½	Hill & Smith	135	+1	...	5.2	18.8
10	6½	Hobson∆	8	...	...	...	...
117	87	Holders Tech∆	117	...	...	6.4	15.3
49	30	Hopkinsons	48	...	1.3	3.4	19.7
167	137	Hornby∆	137	...	...	8.2	12.0
13½	6	Hospital Crp	9	...	...	11.1	2.4
73	54½	Howden	70	...	...	3.8	10.8
231½	173	Hunting	217	...	...	5.6	17.8
445	269½	Huntigh Tec∆	408	...	...	1.8	∞
295	247	IMI	274	+4	...	4.6	23.4
108	90	ISA Intl	104	...	1.5	1.8	16.2
205	179	Intercare Gp∆	185	...	...	1.8	19.6
255	235	Isotron	249	...	3.9	2.0	16.0
517	360	Jardine Math	497	+1	...	2.4	19.2
537	436	Johnson Math	450	...	9.6	2.7	18.7
64	51	Johnson & FB	51½	...	3.0	7.3	15.9
171	104	Johnston	171↑	+6	3.2	2.4	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	30	...	...	...	...
32	18	Jourdan (T)	31↑	...	0.7	3.0	...
54	26	Kalamazoo	51	...	...	...	42.0
178	73	Kalon	166	+1	...	2.4	23.0
297	253	Kelsey Ind	278	...	13.0	...	...
545	465	Kerstaw (A)	500	-5	27.0	6.8	25.9
166	75	Kleeneze	148	-16	...	...	...
123	61	LGW∆	120	...	3.0	3.0	10.2
303	266	Laird	283	+3	...	4.6	13.9
166	105	Lee (Arthur)	159	...	...	4.8	65.9
149	110	Linestall	149	...	4.2	3.6	18.4
153	97	Linear∆	148	...	...	4.3	12.8
18½	4½	Lincoln Hse∆	17	...	...	...	14.0
128	76	Linread	109	...	3.7	4.3	16.8
208	170	Linton Park	190↑	...	14.0	9.2	∞
15½	10½	Llonberri	14	...	0.2	1.8	...
19½	15	Locker (T) A	16	...	1.0	7.8	30.4
274	176	Lon Intl	193	-3	9.4	6.2	13.1
122	70	Lonrho	115	...	...	4.3	...
342	269	Low & Bonar	322	+3	...	3.5	45.1
343	283	MB-Caradon	302	+1	...	3.0	23.4
169½	140½	-do- pf	150	...	7.2	6.0	...
27	14½	ML Hldgs	25	-1	1.8	...	24.1
43	27	MS Intl	37	...	2.5	8.4	51.2
50	39	MY Holdings	45	...	...	2.8	13.7
188½	114	Macfarlane	188↑	+2	...	2.3	25.4
430	379	McKechnie	419	+1	14.2	4.4	20.8
106	88	McLeod Russel	97	...	6.0	7.7	11.0
10½	5½	Maddox	6	-½	...	...	∞
76	63	Magnolia	78	...	0.1	0.2	12.2
106	71	Mang Bronze	95	...	1.0	1.3	...
27	21½	Marling	21½	...	0.3	...	...
179	124	Mayborn∆	170	...	...	3.7	14.1
54	29	Mayflower	52	...	...	3.0	∞
236	191½	Medeva	226	+7	...	1.2	18.3
105	88	Meggitt	103	-1	...	4.6	17.5
130	111	Metalr	115	...	4.0	4.3	16.9
76	70	Metsec∆	73	...	...	...	...
77	39	Midsmose	76	+2	...	1.2	∞
25	14	Mining & Ald	24½	-½	0.5	2.6	...
488	368	Molins	470	...	...	3.7	12.2
345	262	Morgan Crbe	272	+1	...	5.8	14.5
145	134	Morris Ashby∆	134	...	...	4.4	11.7
31	18	Neepsend	25	...	1.5	...	...
60	34	Nestor-BNA	53	...	3.1	7.4	12.7
169	122	Nobo Gp	169	...	3.5	2.6	20.7
174	127½	Norcros	168	-2	7.0	5.2	28.8
43	35	Novo Group	39	...	...	1.0	...
337	310	Nu-Swift	337	+17	...	7.4	9.3
53	36	Office Elec Mac	48	...	0.1	0.3	...
39½	21	OMI Intl	22½	...	1.7	9.7	...
140	128	PCT∆	128↑	...	...	7.1	∞
48	44	Pacer Systems∆	44	...	...	8.3	...
128	108	Pendland	100↑	...	...	2.9	14.8
382	310	Photo-Me	382	+7	4.4	1.4	19.5
137	97½	Pilkington	134	+1	6.0	5.6	48.8
32	19	Platon∆	27	...	...	...	...
79	68	Plenmbrook	70↑	...	3.0	5.4	11.0
156	126	Polypipe	146	...	1.9	1.7	21.3
517	455	Portals	464	-5	...	3.9	15.0
32	19	Porter Chadbrn	24	...	2.5	13.0	5.9
7½	5½	Porth Gp∆	6½	...	...	...	...
376	305	Powerscreen	321	...	6.0	2.3	16.1
20	16½	Prospect Inds	18½	...	0.7	5.1	9.3
54	37½	RPS Group∆	53	...	...	5.2	11.7
95	73	Radiant Metal	85	...	...	...	...
148	77	Ransom Oil∆	130	...	...	1.9	...
744	636	Rank Org	709	+1	31.0	5.5	19.4
33	23	Ransomes	27	...	...	...	...
657	532	Reckitt Colm	582	+4	...	3.5	21.1
77	50	Record	73↑	...	3.6	6.2	35.8
7½	2½	Reece	5½	...	...	...	...
189	131	Relyon	187	-1	4.9	3.3	22.4
303	275	Renishaw	289	-1	6.5	2.8	22.1
62	55	Renold	62	+½	1.0	2.0	...
1438	1240	Reuters	1376	+17	21.1	1.9	22.8
36½	24½	Rexmore	36½	...	1.7	6.0	9.0
120	91	Ricardo Group	115	...	5.7	6.2	32.3
68	58	Richard (Leics)	66	...	4.4	8.3	...
80	63	Richardson West	80	...	3.0	4.7	20.5
128	109	Ropner	122	...	8.2	8.5	17.3
122	97	-do- 'A'	115	...	8.2	9.0	16.3
38	28	Ross Gp	34	...	0.6	2.4	13.0
154	131½	Rotork	154‡	...	...	3.0	20.4
135	100	Rubicon	125	...	...	1.5	...
65	43	Russell (A)	62	-½	1.0	2.0	...
29	15	SEP Indl	27½	...	...	3.5	24.9
800	625	SKF 'B'	775	-12½	...	2.8	57.0
342	222	Sanderson Elec	319	+1	9.0	3.5	13.6
80	39	Savage∆	80	...	...	0.4	...
45	39	Saville Grdn (J)	41	...	2.2	6.7	16.2
248	208	Scapa	223	+1	5.3	3.0	18.2
238	192	Scholl	220	+1	...	3.6	16.0
6½	4	Scot Heritable	6	...	...	...	...
990	917	Securicor	935	...	2.6	0.4	36.6
668	562	-do- 'A'	605	...	2.6	0.5	21.0
565	465	Security Serv	503	...	5.0	1.3	24.9
107½	77	Senior Eng	103½	...	...	3.8	17.3
361	306	Seton Health	348	...	...	1.8	22.3
68	43	Sheldon Jones∆	63	...	...	...	...
126	88	Shiloh	126	...	2.9	2.9	13.6
361	295	Sidlaw	330↑	+2	10.0	3.8	15.3
501	422	Siebe	477	+17	...	2.7	17.5
308	220	Silentnight	290↑	-2	8.0	3.3	∞
124	102	Sime Darby	111	-1	...	3.8	13.6
142	50	Simon Eng	50	-1	5.0	12.5	11.4
289	235	Sinclair (Wm)	239	...	7.0	3.7	15.4
47	42	Six Hundred	45	...	2.5	6.0	...
164	140½	Smith & Neph	141	...	...	4.1	18.9
513	389	Smithkline	475	-8	8.6	2.3	17.2
480	340	Smithkline Uts	420	-10	...	3.2	15.2
394	320	Smiths Ind	339	+2	11.2	4.1	13.8
140	66	Stan Bus	69	+3	3.3	6.2	6.4
405	265	Spandex∆	405	...	...	2.0	17.8
510	300	Spear (JW)	510	...	4.0	3.5	9.4
362	314	Spirax-Sarco	340	...	...	3.4	21.6
145	35	Spring Ram	76	-1	0.3	0.6	∞
270	222	Staveley	235	-2	8.2	4.4	13.4
147	126	Sterling Ind	132	...	5.6	5.3	16.5
20	11	Stonehill	18½	...	...	...	...
154	97	Suter	152	...	8.8	7.2	15.9
380	244	Swire Pacfc 'A'	335	-2	...	2.6	...
7	5	Sycamore	5½	...	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	62	...	...	8.1	11.9
272	240	Syltone	270	...	9.4	4.4	12.4
198	164	T&N	177	+1	...	7.7	28.4
339	279	TI	330	+5	...	4.1	18.2
23	12	TLS Range∆	23↑	...	...	1.4	...
283	218	TT Group	281	...	6.0	2.7	16.7
249	220	Takare	237	...	1.8	0.9	19.7
821	618	Takeda Chem	805	+2	...	0.6	21.4
32	24	Tex Hldgs	32	+1	...	...	...
94	70	Thurley (B)∆	91	...	...	7.1	10.6
225	150	Thom∆	195↑	...	...	2.3	17.0
271	221	Tomkins	229	...	...	3.5	16.1
110	67	Trafalgar H	108	+2	...	3.7	7.9
110	65½	-do- 'A'	108	+2	...	...	...
579	346	Transfer Tech	528↑	...	16.0	3.8	13.3
190	158½	Triplex Lloyd	174	...	7.0	5.0	15.0
253	221	UniChem	223	...	5.6	3.2	∞
308	275½	Unidare	308	...	...	7.0	9.2
44	11½	Unigroup	43½	+½	...	...	...
1249	989	Unilever	1023	+5	21.3	2.6	13.9
8112½	6625	Unilever (NV)	6962½	+50½	...	3.1	10.1
773	513	VSEL	769	+11	25.0	4.1	8.8
9½	6½	Verson	8½	+½	...	...	...
145	95½	Vickers	137	...	...	1.4	...
367	303	Victaulic	325	...	7.8	3.0	∞
364	253	Vinten	345	+5	...	2.5	16.1
595	427	Vosper Thorny	595	+22	15.8	3.4	∞
45	41	WSP Hldgs	43	...	...	8.4	11.2
468	410	Wagon Ind	422	...	...	5.0	16.3
86	71	Walker Greenbk	83↑	-1	3.1	4.7	21.2
258	204	Wassall	247	-4	2.5	1.3	24.0
35	22	Watford Wdgsd	32	+½	...	...	...
675	582	Weir	606	-1	11.8	2.4	∞
993	656	Wellcome	754	-22	13.0	2.2	20.8
23½	22½	Wellman	23	...	2.2	...	...
300	260	West Hillcare	288	-2	...	1.6	19.1
495	460	Whatman	495	...	9.5	2.4	16.8
353	267	Whessoe	335	-3	...	3.0	12.9
10½	4	Wheway	9½	...	1.0	13.2	...
50	27	Whitecroft	48	-½	4.0	...	4.1
8½	4½	Widney	7½	...	...	...	...
89	44	Wilkes (James)	83↑	...	3.5	5.4	23.7
365	306	Williams Hldg	312	+2	12.5	5.0	16.3
31½	12	Willshaw	29½	...	0.4	1.7	24.6
661	533	Wolseley	630	...	12.5	2.5	21.8
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
45	35	Wyko	43	...	2.8	...	24.6
59	38	Young (H)	56↑	...	3.0	6.7	20.5

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993¾	1543¾	Alex & Alex	1681¼	+56¼	...	3.7	...
2275	1787½	Am Gen	2075	-93¾	...	4.5	...
46	30	Archer (AJ)	46	...	4.4	12.0	22.4
148	118	Bradstock	119	...	5.1	5.4	14.7
1478	1078	Britannic	1478	+5	33.5	2.8	...
641	556	Cmcl Union	569	+3	...	5.3	...
1570	1225	Dam & Gen	1570	...	...	1.4	25.9
26	18	BAI	25	+1	...	...	...
615½	546	Gen Accident	568	+8	26.7	5.9	...
195	160	GKE	176	+4	7.0	5.0	14.6
370	293	Heath C E	325	...	16.0	6.2	19.1
195	168	Hogg Gp	180↑	...	8.1	5.7	16.3
198	164	JIB Group	189	...	7.5	5.0	19.1
493	408½	Legal & Gen	464	-3	...	5.1	28.2
1026	768	Liberty Life	866	-7	...	3.3	15.0
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	414	+1	17.3	5.2	14.9
295	253	Lloyd Thomp	277	+2	5.6	2.5	20.4
368	274	Londn & Man	335	...	14.2	5.3	24.7
362	321	Lowndes Lmb	343	-1	12.6	4.6	13.6
6743½	5612½	Marsh McLn	5887½	+137½	...	2.9	...
97	76	Oriel	89↑	...	...	7.0	∞
68	50½	PWS	59↑	...	4.0	8.5	8.6
342	282½	Prudential	323	+½	...	4.6	21.5
1138	800	Refuge	1045	...	31.5	3.8	28.9
319	248	Royal	284↑	+3	...	2.9	...
183	153	Sedgwick	168	+3	6.0	4.5	20.2
261	205	Steel Burrill	212	...	...	7.8	12.5
87	48	Stenge Hldgs	58	-4	8.2	...	5.8
362	307	Sun Alliance	333	+7	14.2	5.3	...
61	50	Trade Indemnity	57	...	...	...	...
288	239	Transatlantic	274	...	12.0	5.5	25.4
773	499	Utd Friendly	720	...	14.5	2.5	31.4
208	171	Willis Corroon	204↑	+8	...	4.0	43.8
20	13½	Windsor	19	+3	...	...	14.9

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1708	1548	Alliance	1644	+8	45.0	3.4	∞
260	226½	Amer Trust	237	+4	4.9	2.6	49.2
347	304	Ang & O'seas	345	+1	6.8	2.5	43.8
136½	124	BZW Conv	130	+1½	7.8	7.5	15.2
158	133½	Bankers	158	+2½	4.4	3.5	40.3
298	264	Baring Tribne	276	...	6.4	2.9	43.6
158	131	Berry Starq	158	...	2.2	1.7	51.4
106½	96½	Br Assets	100↑	+½	...	5.4	24.5
68	57½	Br Empire Sec	66	+½	0.8	1.6	69.0
18	14	-do- Wnts	18	-1	...	...	...
173	158	Br Inv	168	...	4.5	3.4	∞
164	130	Cont Asset	152	+1	2.4	2.0	50.8
195	144	Derby Inc	148	...	16.6	14.0	8.9
255	195	-do- Cap	253	...	...	...	...
123	90	Drayton Asia	121	...	0.7	0.7	...
75	62	-do- Blue Chip	66↑	...	8.4	15.9	∞
73	35	-do- Eng Intl	65↑	+1	1.2	2.3	∞
118	84	-do- Far East	117	...	0.6	0.7	...
111	95	-do- Korea	111	+1	0.5	0.6	...
631	577	Dunedin Inc G	590	...	25.4	5.3	26.7
593	513	-do- Worldw	583↑	+7	9.5	2.0	60.1
270	222	Dundee & Lon	252	+3	12.0	6.0	23.2
51	46	EFM Inc Tst	50	...	4.8	12.2	9.0
54	51½	-do- Div Pf	52½	...	...	...	...
274	250½	Edinburgh	263↑	+1	8.4	4.0	∞
164	141	Electric Gen	164	+1	3.1	2.4	52.2
97	85	English Scot	96	...	...	...	...
253	205	European Asset	242	...	...	3.1	39.5
95	77	Fleming 'A'	95↑	+1	3.0	3.9	30.6
290	248	Fleming Amer	262	+4	0.7	0.3	...
200	190½	-do- Claver	193	...	...	3.5	38.0
266	212	Do Contl	244	+1	2.7	1.4	∞
171	147	-do- Emrg	169	+1	4.5	3.3	37.9
280	213	-do- F East	280	+2	1.1	0.5	∞
306	246	-do- Fledg	285	...	3.0	1.3	...
117	106½	-do- Hi Inc	116	...	5.8	6.3	∞
219	136	-do- Japan	213	-3	0.3	0.2	...
271	250	-do- Merc	259	...	6.7	3.3	∞
251	212	-do- O'seas	243	+½	4.0	2.1	58.0
229	208	Foreign & Col	225½	...	3.3	1.9	61.4
230	164	-do- Eurotst	186	-½	1.2	0.8	...
107	87	-do- German	94↑	...	0.5	0.7	∞
268	191	-do- Pacific	265	+1	1.9	0.9	...
141	116	-do- Smaller	141	+3	...	1.6	71.6
225	145	GT Japan	219	+1	...	0.7	...
131	65	Genl Cons Cap	131	...	...	...	...
127½	96½	-do- Inc	109	...	...	9.7	11.3
145	115	Govett Am Smlr	128	...	...	...	...
278½	184	-do- Oriental	275	...	0.9	0.4	...
276	207	-do- Strategy	245	+4	...	3.4	33.8
373	340	Greenfriar	369	...	6.3	2.2	55.4
10	5	Gresham House	8	...	...	...	...
53	47	Independent Inv	49	...	0.5	1.3	77.6
134	124	Inv Cap	128	+1	5.1	5.0	25.7
92	77	IHS UK Smlr	88↑	+1	2.8	4.0	...
183	156½	Kleinwort Chrt	169	...	5.0	3.7	32.9
200	176	-do- O'seas	200	...	3.3	2.1	56.8
126	108	-do- Smlr	119	...	4.0	4.2	28.8
595	540	Law Debenture	592	+11	18.2	3.9	20.6
174	166	Majedie	172↑	...	...	3.5	33.3
249	221	Merchants	240	+1	10.6	5.5	22.3
5012½	3700	Merrill Lynch	4937½	+93¾	...	...	...
440	383	Monks Inv Tst	422	+3	6.7	2.0	∞
126	105	Merg Gren Inc	117↑	...	...	4.9	23.2
37	23	Do Warrants	32	...	...	...	...
47	39	Murray Euro	42	...	0.1	0.5	∞
11	4½	Do Wts	8½	...	...	...	...
315	282	Murray Income	307	+1	...	4.4	29.3
290	265	-do- Intl	280	+2	11.4	4.9	26.1
312	263	-do- Small	302	+2	4.0	1.7	65.1
103	96½	-do- S/C Inc	97	...	...	13.7	9.5
93	73	-do- S/C Cap	93	...	...	...	...
3050	2750	-do- S/C Uts	2950	...	...	4.5	...
147½	142½	-do- S/C DP	144	...	...	...	...
260	230	-do- Vent	245	+½	...	5.3	19.3
71	56½	New Frontier	69	...	0.2	0.5	...
85	68	Nwthng Inc	79	...	6.7	11.0	∞
202	249	O'seas Inv Tst	202↑	+4	2.8	1.2	...
373	285	Pacific Assets	371	...	1.1	0.4	...
276	187	Do Warrants	276	+2	...	...	...
8800	7650	Personal Assets	8125	...	...	2.5	48.5
138	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	138	+1	1.1	1.0	62.5
123	108	River & Merc	113↑	...	9.2	10.2	11.3
398	350	Robeco	388	...	...	3.4	...
388	346	Rolinco	383	...	...	2.1	...
240	214	St Andrew Inv	240	...	7.5	3.9	32.3
148½	131	Scot American	149¼	+½	4.3	3.9	29.7
204	136	Scot Asian	201	-2	...	...	...
395	225	do Warrants	380	-5	...	...	...
73	67½	-do- Eastern	71	...	1.5	2.7	46.6
201	163	Scottish	198	...	4.6	2.9	40.7
201	178	-do- Mtge	192¼	...	4.0	2.6	50.0
80	71	-do- Valitc	80↑	+½	...	2.8	57.0
1503	1390	Second Allnce	1440	+5	36.5	3.2	38.7
84½	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	82¼	+1	3.2	4.9	27.4
130	109½	Selective Asset	121	...	1.2	1.2	43.5
21½	14	Sphere Inv	21½	...	3.1	18.0	6.9
139	112	TR Far East	135↑	+1	4.5	4.2	29.6
140½	126	TR City Of Lon	135½	+½	4.7	4.4	28.4
141	110	TR Pacific	138	...	0.3	0.3	...
26½	17	TR Property	25½	+1½	0.9	4.3	∞
69	47	TR Tech Inv	60	...	1.7	3.6	29.8
173	146	TR Smlr Cos	173	+2	3.7	0.7	50.7
315	283	Temple Bar	301	+1	13.2	5.5	22.7
90	69	Thrgm Asian R	88	...	0.5	0.7	...
69½	54	Throgmorton	66	+½	2.3	4.4	26.9
423	363	Thrg Dual Cp	423	+3	...	...	...
195	178	USDC Invest	191	...	4.5	2.9	35.1
101½	76½	Value Inc Tst	101½	+1	3.6	4.4	23.5
598	542	Whitbread Inv	565	...	16.5	3.7	∞
195	181	Witan	192	...	5.6	3.6	33.6

LEISURE

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
345	269	Airtours	294½	-½	7.2	3.1	10.4
60	42	Ald Leis	57	...	4.7	...	16.3
303	194	Anglia TV	302	-1	...	3.8	14.0
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	212↑	+4	10.0	5.9	13.7
1200	930	Boosey Hwks	1190	...	22.0	2.3	17.8
121	90	Border TV∆	121	+4	...	2.8	15.8
16½	4½	Brent Walker	13	...	...	...	...
8	2½	Buckingham Int	5½	...	...	...	...
292	120	Campari	136	...	12.0	11.1	∞
197	171	Capital Radio	184	-1	5.2	3.6	21.2
818	718	Carlton Comm	771	+11	17.0	2.8	22.5
200	158	Castle Comm∆	171	...	...	5.8	16.7
1895	1645	Central TV	1893	...	38.0	2.5	20.6
83	61	Chrysalis	66	...	...	...	...
590	470	Compass Gp	494	...	...	3.3	14.8
350	218	Eurocamp	226	...	9.7	5.2	9.7
1180	710	Euro Disney	798	-5	...	1.5	...
8	5½	Euro Leisure	5½	...	...	...	...
25	18	Ex-Lands	25	+1	...	...	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	309	...	10.5	4.3	...
378	320	First Leisure	340	+1	6.1	2.3	23.5
515	258	GWR Gp∆	510	...	...	1.7	20.2
195	149	Grampian	193	...	6.1	4.0	∞
6	5	Greenwich Comm∆	5	...	...	...	...
51	19	HTV Group	50	...	...	...	22.2
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	50	-1	2.0	5.1	∞
12½	5½	Kmick	11	+½	...	...	...
394	262	LWT CP	374↑	-3	...	1.6	17.3
475	327	Man Utd	440	...	18.0	5.1	15.1
148	90½	Owners Abrd	96	...	3.5	4.6	7.7
66	33	The Pelican Gp	55	+1	...	2.3	18.9
120	55	Prism Leisure∆	110	...	...	3.1	12.5
20	16	Quadrant Grp	19	...	...	...	...
318	286	Radio Clyde∆	292	+3	...	3.7	22.6
175	132	Ramsdens (H)	168	+1	...	3.3	22.3
502	431	Scot TV	475	...	9.9	2.8	23.4
60	41	Southern Radio	45	...	0.7	2.2	18.6
219	168	Stanley Leisure	210	...	...	2.5	17.7
9	5½	Sunleigh∆	8½	...	...	...	...
145	135	Sunset & Vine	135	...	3.5	3.2	15.8
420	383	Tanjong	420#	...	...	0.6	∞
221	150	Thames TV	196	...	2.5	1.6	∞
2½	1	Ticketing∆	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hsx	98	-1	...	...	3.2
78	44	Trans World∆	69	...	...	1.4	25.2
419	274	Ulster TV	419	...	10.0	3.0	12.9
22	13½	Wembley	17	...	0.2	1.5	...
31	7½	Whitegate	25	+1	...	...	...
187	110	Yorkshire TV	186↑	-1	12.0	8.1	5.6
108	83	Zetters Gp	107	...	8.0	9.3	10.8

MINING

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4300	1800	Am Gold	3925	-259½	...	5.3	∞
1400	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1375↑	...	...	6.7	∞
2050	1125	Ang Am	1850	-46½	...	3.8	∞
18½	8½	Anglo Pac Res∆	18	+½	...	...	...
114	33	Blyvoors	98	-11	...	6.2	5.4
41	18	Bracken	37½	-3	...	...	2.1
710	233	Buffels	615	-76	...	6.4	15.2
2	1	Burne	1½	...	...	...	...
684	546	CRA	570	+15	...	3.7	∞
47½	11	Cluff Res	34½	-4½	...	...	...
1181½	762½	De Beers	1100	-12½	...	4.4	14.8
138	37½	Deelkraal	122	-12	...	4.9	6.7
87	7	Doornfontein	65	-18	...	...	...
867	388	Driefontein	770	-49	...	4.3	14.1
618	120	Durban	582	-36	...	...	...
124	47	E Rand Gold	115	-9	...	10.2	∞
162	62	E Dagga	136	-15	...	...	11.3
267	54	E Rand Prop	258	-7	...	...	...
490	117	Elandsrand	437	-33	...	2.8	10.2
722	292	FS Cons	690	-65	...	8.2	∞
40	8	FS Dev	33	...	...	...	...
1500	725	GFSA	1375	-70	...	2.9	21.6
168	125	Gencor	154	-6	...	6.4	12.0
63½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	54½	-2	...	2.5	13.4
22	5	Greenwich R 'A'	18	-1	...	...	...
145	49	Grootvlei	120	-23	...	8.6	7.1
390	78	Harmony	325	-35	...	...	...
414	87	Hartles	350	-42	...	5.6	∞
14	8½	Innco∆	11	+½	...	...	...
953	491	Impala Plat	947	...	...	...	21.4
13½	6	Kenmare Res∆	10½	...	...	...	...
811	332	Kinross	768	-43	...	6.6	8.4
843	319	Kloof	725	-54	...	2.5	12.2
90	25	Leslie	80	-9	...	5.3	7.9
119	13	Loraine	105	-14	...	...	...
115½	87	MIM	91	-½	...	2.5	41.5
1060	820	Minorco	1020	-12	...	3.7	12.1
124½	91	Nth Bkn Hill	116	...	...	4.3	∞
1850	610	Orange Free	1625	-187½	...	8.1	∞
709	607	RTZ	674	+7	...	3.9	24.8
550	425	Rand Mines	537½	...	...	11.0	2.4
138	85	Rand Min Prp	138	...	...	12.3	6.6
517	150	Randfontein	454	-47	...	3.8	6.9
192	115	Renison	174	-2	...	2.6	16.0
1200	850	Rustnbrg	1112½	-25	...	4.1	17.4
585	191	St Helena	520	-34	...	4.6	10.7
1582	475	Southvaal	1475	-107	...	3.9	25.4
88	18	Stilfontein	81	-6	...	7.9	13.9
201	58	Unisel	175	-11	...	1.8	17.0
4775	1800	Vaal Reefs	4200	-437½	...	5.3	7.2
500	154	Welkom	415	-55	...	8.2	∞
205	26	Western Areas	170	-23	...	...	...
1775	587½	Western Deep	1600	-137½	...	4.0	7.3
263	176	Wstrn Mining	248	+3	...	...	...
776	323	Winkels	745	-26	...	1.4	6.1
84	56	Zambia Copper	62	...	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	53	-15	...	...	16.8

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
238	233	Abbey Panels	238	...	...	...	...
125	95	Airflow Stream	120	...	3.0	3.2	∞
116	82	Appleyard	114	...	3.2	5.7	...
280	203	Bletchley Mtr	270	...	...	4.1	13.8
151	120	Bostrom	151	+2	6.0	5.0	26.7
368	165	Br Aerospace	367	+12	7.0	2.4	...
328	303	Caffyns	308	...	11.5	4.7	40.4
9½	4½	Caverdale	8½	...	...	...	...
130	98	Central Mtr∆	130	+6	...	3.8	33.1
29	18	Cook (DC)∆	25	...	...	...	...
235	156	Cowie (T)	218	...	6.2	3.6	16.6
110	86	Dag Motors	105	...	5.7	6.8	19.0
142	102½	Davnprt Vern	138↑	...	...	3.6	17.6
264	155	ERF	223	+10	4.0	...	...
117	92	European Mtr	106	-2	...	1.8	...
283	208	Evans Halshaw	283	...	11.2	4.8	45.1
290	226	FR Group	260↑	+8	7.2	3.5	∞
3631½	2843½	Ford Motor	3425↑	+100	...	...	...
2875	2143½	General Mtr	2600	+37½	...	1.9	...
58	38	Gowrings	58	...	2.0	4.3	...
151	85	Heylys	149	-1	3.0	2.5	...
875	650	Honda Motor	811	+23	...	0.7	...
26	15	Jacks (Wm)	26	...	...	...	...
106	66	Jessups	89↑	...	4.5	6.3	...
138	97	Kwik-Fit	135	+1	...	3.1	24.1
345	281	Lex Service	345	+3	10.6	3.8	∞
119	85	Lookers	118	...	6.2	6.6	...
152	126	Lucas	133	+2	7.0	6.6	...
274½	234½	Pendragon	260	...	...	3.2	21.0
177	106	Perry Gp	173	...	6.0	4.3	...
154	106	Quicks Group	154	+1	4.5	3.7	∞
150½	99	Rolls-Royce	142½	-1½	...	4.4	...
194	163	Trinity Hldgs	183	+2	...	3.8	∞
148	125	Vardy (Reg)	145	...	4.0	3.4	22.4
188	121	Westland	187	...	4.2	2.9	16.4

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	108	Adscene	135	...	4.0	3.7	14.4
330	315	Black (A&C)	315↑	...	13.5	5.4	∞
608	488	Blenheim Gp	513	-29	...	2.2	19.1
370	275	Bristol	370	...	11.7	4.1	∞
9200	7775	Daily Mail	9150	...	130	1.8	20.6
9150	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9125	...	130	1.8	20.5
305	251	Dorling Kind	281	...	...	1.3	26.9
373	328	EMAP	360	...	...	2.6	23.4
1070	873	Euromoney Pb	1088↑	...	28.5	3.4	24.5
237	170	Harrington K	207	...	4.5	2.8	16.7
358	233	Haynes Pub	338	...	6.0	2.2	14.5
290	226	Headline	290#	...	4.5	1.9	∞
140	105	Home Counts	125	...	6.0	6.0	∞
9½	3	Intl Bus Comm	9	...	...	...	13.0
8	6½	Intl Cm & Data∆	8	+½	...	...	...
520	400	Independent	520	...	...	4.1	14.0
540	395	Johnston Press	539	...	6.2	1.4	23.3
288	243	Metal Bulletin	281	+1	8.0	3.6	19.8
155	88	Mirror Gp	154½	+½	...	...	...
373	297	News Corp	333	+10	...	0.3	22.4
340	169	News Intl	224	...	...	0.5	15.5
453	384	Pearson	452	+14	...	3.3	27.6
668	510	Portsmth Sund	668	...	8.6	1.6	17.2
686	618	Reed Intl	652	+8	...	3.3	28.4
148	98	Southnews	148	...	...	1.8	∞
137	90	Sterling Pub∆	137	...	...	2.3	45.6
385	328	Telegraph	385	...	...	3.6	16.2
825	715	Thomson Corp	765	...	25.4	4.2	∞
375	313	Trinity Intl	375	+5	8.7	2.9	22.5
39	34	Unit Group∆	36	...	...	...	...
610	494	Utd Nwspapers	596	-1	...	4.5	14.9

OILS, GAS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18½	6½	Aberdeen Pet∆	17½	...	...	...	...
34½	17	Aran Energy	34½	+½	...	...	33.6
61	40	Arcon Intl∆	51	...	...	...	...
61	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	58½	+2	...	...	...
66	26	Aviva Pet	64	...	...	...	...
14	9	Beverley	9½	...	0.6	...	...
183	145	Br Borneo	150	...	7.1	5.9	4.5
330	276	British Gas	289	...	14.2	6.1	14.0
326	225	Br Petroleum	306½	+2	10.5	4.3	48.3
1½	1	Buls Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
757	675	Burmah Castrl	708	...	...	4.5	17.3
65	32	Calm Energy	61	...	...	...	8.7
268	223	Calor Gp	238↑	+1	...	6.3	19.8
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	52½	-½	...	...	...
35	22	Coplex Res	27½	-½	...	...	...
29½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	23	+4½	...	...	...
531	397	Enterprise	464	...	16.0	4.3	57.3
88	55	Exp Co Louis	60	-4	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	26	-1	...	2.1	9.9
67	45	Goal Pet	58	+4	1.4	3.0	11.1
35	18	Gt Western Res	35	+1	...	...	...
168	108	Hardy O & G	136	+1	1.0	0.8	49.0
46	18½	Kelt Energy	41	-5	...	...	...
198	141	LASMO	162	+7	3.3	2.5	32.8
100	63	-do- Units	79	...	9.4	15.0	...
24	14½	Mid Scot Res∆	18½	...	...	...	...
47	34	Monument	49½	...	...	...	75.3
9	6	New London	6½	...	...	...	...
35	21	Nth Sea Assets	30	...	1.0	4.2	10.4
35	27	Oil Search	30	...	...	...	...
14½	12	Petrol	12	...	...	...	...
110	99	Pict Pet	106½	+½	...	...	14.8
29½	18	Premier	28½	...	...	...	10.5
115	50	Presidio	115	...	...	5.0	...
368	290	Ranger	345	...	...	4.6	...
6050	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	6000	+34½	...	5.4	14.0
4350	3600	Schlumberger	4350	+80	...	1.3	...
67	47	Seafield	58	...	...	...	...
615	515	Shell	605	...	21.9	4.5	18.6
203	185	Sunrise Eng Sv	185	...	...	...	...

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High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
10½	4½	Teredo∆	6	...	...	...	3.0
41	23	Triton Europe	25	+1	...	...	5.7
12	6½	Villers Grp	11½	...	...	...	...
172	143½	Woodside	156	+8	...	2.3	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
331	249	API	330↑	...	7.5	2.8	28.7
195	144	Arjo Wiggins	182½	+9½	...	4.5	17.9
505	408	Abbott Mead	503	...	9.3	2.3	26.1
1½	¼	Arcis Group	1	...	...	...	...
31	13	Aegis Gp	29	...	1.3	5.9	...
212	155	Aspen Comm∆	192	...	...	3.2	17.4
13	7	BBB Design∆	13	...	...	...	...
341	234½	Benrose	341	...	...	4.3	14.0
33	15	Birkdale	18	-7	0.2	1.4	15.2
138	118	Bunzl	128	...	4.0	3.9	19.3
287	257	CIA Gp	264	...	...	2.1	16.7
209	93	Capital Inds	209	...	...	1.9	20.0
56	44	City of Lon∆	55	...	...	8.3	∞
214	169	Cropper (Jmes)	214	...	3.0	1.8	24.4
6	6	Crown Com∆	6#	...	...	...	...
73	51	Delyn Pckging	66	...	1.4	2.8	12.9
117	94	Dolphin Pack	113	...	4.5	5.0	27.9
56	42	Dudley Jenkins∆	56	...	...	...	14.4
19½	12½	Elswick	14½	...	0.3	2.7	∞
70	41	Fairway Group∆	70	...	...	5.6	20.6
323	271	Ferguson Intl	312↑	...	12.5	5.0	∞
105	92	Ferry Pick	105	...	...	0.7	28.3
107	74	Flexlux∆	102	+1	...	0.5	25.5
20	14	Flexon	17	...	...	...	...
100	69	Gibbon Lyons∆	94	...	...	6.6	18.4
295	247	Gold Greenless	280	...	...	3.7	22.7
41	20	Goodhead	26	+1	0.5	2.4	...
88	43	Hunterprint	74	-1	...	...	...
185	136	Interurope	180	...	7.4	5.2	11.8
264	191	Jarvis Porter	253	...	4.7	2.4	∞
32	15½	Lopex	31	...	...	...	∞
280	175	More O'Ferrall	280	+4	13.2	5.9	∞
90	48	NMC Group	88	+1	1.2	...	17.4
103	66	Osborne & Little	100	...	4.3	5.4	12.8
256	167	Quarto	256	+4	5.3	2.4	15.0
347	317	St Ives Gp	318	...	5.2	2.1	21.7
185½	142½	Saatchi	167	-2	...	...	...
472	333	Sappi	422	-3	...	8.7	∞
19½	11½	Serif∆	18	+3	...	...	...
28½	14	Shandwick	24½	...	...	...	...
354	294	Smith David	351	...	9.5	3.4	15.5
295	239	Smurfit (Jeff)	239↑	-1	...	3.3	14.9
246	183	Sun-Pins	245	...	8.0	4.1	∞
25	16½	Taylor Nelson	25↑	...	0.3	1.5	21.0
56	38	VTR∆	56	...	...	7.6	16.0
86	40	WPP	86	+3	...	1.5	...
125	62	Wace	125	+1	...	2.3	...
221	203	Waddington (J)	214	...	7.9	4.6	16.2
680	540	Watmough	680	+4	11.5	2.1	26.7
6½	4½	Wespon∆	6½	...	...	...	23.3
22	12	Whitney Mck∆	20	-1	...	...	...
87	55	Wood (SW)	76	-5	1.2	2.1	∞

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
76	41	Allied Lon	76	+9	3.5	5.8	65.6
63	38	Arcadian	63	...	...	...	...
85	54	Asda	85↑	+6	2.1	3.1	8.9
139	88	Avonside	130	...	4.0	3.8	18.2
2637½	2062½	BCE∆	2275	+37½	...	...	...
575	396	Bilton	575	+13	18.9	4.1	20.8
40	23	Bourne End	40↑	...	1.0	3.1	...
211	150	Bradford	211	+8	4.4	2.6	19.2
23	12	Bredero	16	...	...	...	1.5
344	176	Br Land	344	+46	...	2.4	29.6
218	153	Brixton	218↑	+20	...	5.2	15.9
78	45	Burford	73	...	...	2.0	...
158	99	Cap & Regal∆	154	+1	...	0.9	∞
160	120	Cardiff Prop	160	...	2.4	1.9	...
360	196	Chesterfield	360↑	+15	11.0	3.8	∞
32	12	City Site Ests	30	...	1.4	...	...
19	12	Clarke Nickolls	18	+2	0.3	...	4.4
15	10	Clayform	14	...	...	...	...
43	34	Conrad Rhst GS	42	+8	...	1.5	...
1115	818	Daejan	1115	+7	25.0	2.8	17.4
3	1½	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
91	53	Debenhum Twsn	91	+2	2.5	3.4	33.1
12	4	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
140	76	Dencora	140↑	+12	3.0	2.7	...
483	263	Derwent Hldgs	483	+15	8.6	2.2	60.2
235	170	Estates Agency	235	...	3.0	...	21.5
27	7½	Estates Gen	16	...	...	...	...
84	72	Evanbrook	80	...	2.7	4.1	8.5
166	132	Evans Of Leeds	166	+5	4.1	3.1	15.9
27	10	Five Oaks	27	+1	...	...	...
53	30	Fletcher King	52	...	1.0	2.4	37.6
405	285	Frogmore	404	+17	15.0	4.6	22.8
160	97	Grainger	160	+15	5.2	4.1	35.8
205	120	Gr Portland	205	+22	10.0	6.1	20.4
26½	7½	Greycoat	25	+4½	5.2	...	...
138	101	HK Land	133½	-1½	...	4.9	∞
75	35	Hambro Cntyw	70	+1	...	...	...
417	277	Hammerson	382	+16	10.0	3.3	36.8
382	246	-do- 'A'	349	+11	10.0	3.8	33.6
214	127	Helical Bar	214	+7	...	2.8	...
29	19	Hemingway	29	...	...	...	...
132	57	Herring Baker	72	+2	3.7	6.5	∞
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
586	435	Land Sec	583↑	+30	...	4.9	17.3
93	73	Lon Merch Sec	93	+3	3.8	5.1	14.8
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	3½	+½	...	...	...
450	324	MEPC	448	+26	20.0	5.6	18.8
7½	5	McInerney A	7½	...	...	...	...
115	90	McKay Secs	115	...	6.7	...	18.9
7½	3	Markheath	6½	...	0.5	...	...
49	12	Merivale Mre	45	...	1.0	...	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5#	...	...	...	...
33	29	Moorfield Est	31	...	...	...	...
905	775	Mountview	905	...	18.0	2.5	9.3
139	112	Mucklow (A&J)	138	+1	5.9	5.4	19.4
46	30	Olive Hldgs	41	-1	1.5	4.6	...
10½	4	Ossory Est	6½	+½	0.1	...	1.4
130	88	PSIT	130	+5	3.7	3.6	25.9
201	138	Peel	198	+3	3.0	1.9	...
16	8	Power Corp	9	...	...	...	1.0
41	22	Property Trust	39	-1	...	...	...
3	1½	Raglan	2½	...	...	...	...
29	11	Regalian	23	...	1.5	8.2	4.5
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	135	...	1.3	1.3	28.7
35	16	St Modwen Prp	35	+2	0.6	2.1	26.7
70	39	Savills	67	+1	...	...	...
79	34	Scot Met	78	+2	1.5	...	...
96	39	Shaftesbury	94	...	...	...	...
14½	5	Shield	10½	...	...	...	...
224	139½	Slough Estates	222	+22	...	4.6	15.5
79	56	Southend Prop	77	+2	4.1	6.8	38.8
16	7	Speyhawk	14#	...	...	...	...
27	16	Stanhope Prps∆	25	...	...	...	...
164	114	Tops Ests	164	+3	2.0	1.5	41.6
115	79	Town Centre	115	+4	3.1	3.4	21.5
72	43	Trafford Park	68	...	2.5	4.7	18.3
38	8	UK Land	28	...	...	...	...
9½	4	Union Square	7	+½	...	...	...
243	180	Warner	243↑	+11	10.5	5.4	22.2
199	168	Warnford	190	+1	7.5	5.1	∞
8	3½	Waterglade	5	-1	...	...	...
66	35	Wates	66	+6	0.7	1.5	...
76	40	Wood John D∆	75	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagic∆	15	...	...	...	...
147	86	Headlam	146	...	...	2.2	∞
900	330	Lambert	345	...	13.0	4.7	8.4
100	78	Pittards	78	...	2.0	3.2	22.3
30	20	Strong & Fisher	28	...	1.0	4.5	7.8
150	89	Stylo	135	...	3.0	2.8	∞
55	53	UK Safety	54	...	...	23.8	1.8

TEXTILES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
485	408	Allied Text	458	...	12.6	3.4	14.7
69	54	Beckman (A)	59	...	4.7	...	11.7
30	21	Bolton Gp	30	+5	...	...	15.3
165	141	Br Mohair	158	...	8.5	6.7	∞
20	15	Charwell∆	20	...	0.4	2.5	...
345	298	Claremont Ga	342	-1	7.2	2.6	21.4
601	522	Courtauld Text	551	...	13.6	3.1	15.1
33½	24½	Crupid∆	27	-1	...	...	...
248½	221	Dawson	224	...	9.0	5.0	21.8
30	22	Drummond	25	...	1.5	...	7.7
37½	27	Dunkeld	29	...	...	...	...
72	65	Faupel∆	70	...	...	8.7	6.9
34	15	Foster (John)	22	...	0.5	2.8	...
133	82	Gaskell	128↑	...	4.2	4.2	∞
186	156	Hicking Pntcst	175	...	3.4	2.4	14.9
59	45	Jerome (S)	58	...	...	...	...
360	249	Lamont	360	...	12.0	4.3	23.2
506	353½	Leeds	485↑	...	...	1.9	23.4
42	15	Lister	37	...	0.1	0.3	...
122	78	Lyles (S)	80	...	4.9	7.7	9.1
180	89	Magellan	171	...	1.4	1.0	...
130	69	Parkland 'A'	130↑	+2	2.0	1.9	...
102½	82	Readicut	96½	+½	3.4	4.6	∞
53	35	SEET	40	...	...	...	...
94	72	Sirdar	84	...	5.1	7.7	14.8
61	44	Stirling Gp	60	...	1.6	3.4	22.0
51	42	Stoddard	42	...	2.6	7.8	11.2
312	250	Tomkinsons	301↑	...	11.5	4.8	26.0
62½	35½	West Trust	39	...	...	8.0	...
417	252	Yorklyde	399↑	...	10.4	3.3	13.1

TOBACCOS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
507	411	BAT	430↑	+1½	...	5.4	16.1
690	584½	Rothmans 'B'	616	+2	10.2	2.1	14.1

TRANSPORT

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
432	349	Assoc Br Ports	432	+10	...	2.5	...
813	732	BAA	763	+1	14.5	2.4	13.5
312	249	Br Airways	301↑	-1½	...	4.4	16.6
81	56	Clarkson (H)	81	+1	1.5	2.3	...
23	23	Davies Newman	23#	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	423	+7	...	...	...
52	44	Fisher (James)	49	...	1.0	2.6	13.2
160	126	Graig	156	...	4.5	4.4	...
183	147	IoM Steam	183	+3	...	5.5	9.6
34	24	Jacobs (JI)	33	...	0.5	1.9	...
79	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	79	...	1.2	2.0	4.8
2250	1262½	Manchstr Sh	2100	...	4.5	0.3	11.5
349	280	Mersey Docks	344	+9	7.5	2.7	22.0
210	181	Natl Express	202	...	...	4.4	∞
284	238	NFC	259	+4	6.5	3.2	19.7
302	244	Ocean Group	282	+1	14.3	6.4	...
64	40	Ocean Wilson	64	+1	4.0	8.1	∞
627	504	P & O Dfd	608	+13	...	6.3	33.0
151	122	P & O 5 1/2%	151↑	+1	...	4.6	...
555	448	Powell Duffryn	555	...	22.6	5.1	22.2
140	117	Seacon∆	139	...	...	4.6	8.7
42	24	TIP Europe	41½	...	1.4	4.2	10.1
50½	31½	TNT	50½	...	...	...	...
765	624	Tibbet & Britt	755	...	11.8	2.0	29.0
382	173	Tiphook	318	+9	17.3	6.8	6.3
298	235	TDG	239	+2	9.5	5.0	∞

WATER

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
553	460	Anglian Water	480	-3	19.3	5.0	8.7
652	547	Northumbrian	588	-9	20.5	4.4	6.1
533	449	North West	481	-6	...	5.7	8.3
533	439	Severn Trent	492	+1	19.3	4.9	7.2
554	454	Sthrn Water	498	-3	19.5	4.9	8.8
1350	1225	Sth Staffs	1320	...	47.0	4.6	∞
569	467	South West	497	-8	...	6.2	7.9
563	468	Thames Water	504	-2	...	5.4	9.2
612	506	Welsh Water	566	+2	21.4	4.7	6.5
649	536	Wessex Water	578	-3	...	4.2	7.0
593	506	Yorkshire W	513	-10	...	5.3	8.5

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Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Mastertrust	117.50	125.60	+0.60	1.00
International	89.74	95.46	+0.60	.94
Dividend Gth	57.24	60.89	+0.34	4.61
Global Gth Sec	61.93	65.88	+0.07	2.63
Ethical Growth	64.96	69.10†	+0.28	2.53
High Inc Equity	150.00	159.50	+0.70	4.99
Worldwide Bond	264.00	279.90†	+1.60	4.33
Gilts Fixed Int	127.40	135.10†	+0.10	6.09

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Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Inc Gth	43.19	45.59	-0.06	0.08
European	80.73	85.54	-0.66	...
European Inc	77.42	81.79†	-0.53	1.84
Exempt	901.60	929.00†	-7.60	3.31
Extra Inc	43.64	46.27†	-0.10	4.99
F East Emerg Ec	82.73	89.10	+0.53	0.73

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Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
High Inc	378.70	404.80	+5.60	4.06
Equity Inc	213.40	228.10	+2.50	3.99
High Yield	233.20	249.20†	+2.40	4.11
Balanced	635.80	679.60†	+5.90	2.60
American Inc	46.58	49.79	+0.59	3.41
Wld Asset Val	40.05	42.80	+0.50	1.92
Japan	204.20	217.50	-1.90	0.01
Secs of Am	400.60	426.30†	+4.30	0.43

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Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth Acc	312.90	332.90†	+3.40	2.70
-do- Inc	221.70	236.90†	+2.30	2.70
Higher Inc Acc	567.10	603.40†	+5.00	3.71
-do- Inc	344.60	366.60†	+3.10	3.71
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	173.60	183.40	-0.60	6.08
-do- Inc	91.01	96.13	+0.39	6.08
Nth America	255.40	271.80†	+4.70	...
Far East	298.60	317.70†	+0.80	0.17
Europe	223.40	237.70	+2.30	0.98
General Inc	425.20	452.40	+4.80	2.40
-do- Acc	466.50	496.30	+5.40	2.40
Brit Excell	63.29	67.33†	+0.77	2.72
Brit Fndmtls Inc	66.81	71.08	+0.62	4.64
Brit Fndmtls Acc	86.11	91.61	+0.79	4.84
Global Opps	72.34	76.96†	+0.71	...

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Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Brit O seas	247.70	260.70	+5.20	1.37
Capital Gwth	98.00	103.20	...	2.51
Worldwide Opps	144.60	152.30	...	0.65

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081 534 5544

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capital	105.10	112.50	+0.90	2.78
Euro Gth Inc	113.20	120.20	+1.30	1.04
Extra Inc	104.30	111.60	+0.80	4.87
General	239.80	255.40	+1.40	2.97
Gilt Fxd Inc	56.84	58.77†	+0.04	8.59
Income	481.40	514.90	+2.90	4.51

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Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	91.52	97.12	+1.86	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	118.20	126.70	+1.10	...
Convertibles	53.36	57.06	+0.30	6.90
Eastern	182.60	196.40	-0.90	1.60
Equity Income	81.27	86.45†	+0.54	6.20
European Gth	224.80	239.00†	+2.90	1.50
Euro Smllr Cos	145.20	158.40†	+1.60	1.90
Exempt	82.82	84.90	+0.62	3.60
German Growth	55.71	59.37	+0.10	0.70
Global Growth	107.80	114.90	+1.70	...
Japan Growth	202.40	216.80	+0.50	...
Japan Sunrise	177.70	189.60	+1.70	...
Portfolio	116.90	125.20	+0.90	3.20
-do- Acc	208.40	223.30	+1.60	3.20
UK Growth	82.08	87.31	+1.74	2.90
UK Smaller Cos	85.59	91.53†	+1.75	1.90
Select Managers	62.52	66.94	+0.29	2.00

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Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balan Gth Acc	104.17	111.41	+0.95	1.87
-do- Inc	94.70	101.28	+0.86	1.87
Global Bond	28.46	30.20†	+0.09	4.89
High Yield Acc	53.04	56.72	+0.40	4.06
-do- Inc	38.50	41.17	+0.29	4.06
Smlr Cos Acc	90.52	96.81	+0.31	1.35
-do- Inc	83.20	88.98†	+0.29	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	56.99	60.95	+0.24	...
-do- Inc	55.93	59.82	+0.23	...
Euro Gth Acc	100.71	107.71	...	1.07
-do- Inc	99.33	106.23	...	1.07
Mngd P folio	34.66	37.07	+0.13	1.31
Pacific Growth	101.00	108.02	-0.41	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	85.90	91.87	+0.09	0.67

BROWN SHIPLEY
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0444 458144

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Financial	124.60	132.70	+1.60	3.16
Smaller Cos Acc	293.80	314.40	+0.10	...
Smaller Cos Inc	170.90	182.90†	+0.10	1.18
High Inc	70.82	76.13†	+0.52	6.88
Income	125.90	134.70†	+0.60	4.08
Mngd P folio Inc	93.82	99.92	+0.31	1.99
-do- Acc	177.30	188.80	+0.60	...
North American	100.80	107.40	+1.30	0.20
Orient	128.30	138.10†	+2.30	...
Recovery	41.79	44.92†	-0.02	2.49
German	39.97	42.86	-0.08	0.09
Intl Growth	33.16	35.32	+0.31	0.22
European Inc	21.98	23.65	+0.09	0.48

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Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Fellowship Tst	61.00	64.90	+0.18	1.48
-do- Acc	68.77	73.16	+0.20	1.25
Income Fund 5	211.10	224.60†	+1.30	4.14
-do- Acc	491.20	522.60†	+3.00	4.14
Inv Portfolio	66.77	69.14	+0.36	2.11
-do- Acc	75.34	78.08	+0.41	2.07
Smaller Cos	129.20	136.41	+0.10	1.49
-do- Acc	154.00	163.40	+0.10	1.52
High Inc P folio	60.29	62.99	+0.75	4.65

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Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Sht Gth Fxd Int	65.82	66.71	+0.12	5.82

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Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Environ	134.60	143.20†	-0.60	1.67
UK Growth	146.50	155.90	-1.80	2.10
UK Income	121.70	129.50	+0.60	4.20

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Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
SE Asia	86.54	92.56	+0.98	1.65
Growth	44.59	47.37	+0.67	2.89
Income	53.95	57.70	+0.52	3.50
Far East	48.61	52.27	+0.51	0.15
North American	84.26	90.12	+1.44	...
Global	84.35	90.22	+0.80	0.73
European	70.11	74.98	+0.76	1.19
Japan	116.30	124.40	+1.90	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	57.68	61.10	+0.85	5.25
UK Cap Gwth	79.69	85.23	+1.05	2.15

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Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	128.30	136.50	+2.80	0.22
-do- Acc	136.30	145.10	+3.00	0.22
European	65.52	69.44	+0.80	0.77
-do- Acc	67.92	71.97	+0.83	0.77
Far East Gen	67.55	71.87	+1.01	...
-do- Acc	67.55	71.87	+1.01	...
Glenfriars	250.90	267.00	+4.40	0.69
-do- Acc	282.50	300.60	+4.90	0.69
Growth	377.00	403.30	+2.20	2.26
-do- Acc	645.30	690.20	+3.60	2.26
Income Growth	374.60	398.60	+2.80	3.81
-do- Acc	498.10	529.90	+3.60	3.81
Master Portfolio	9446.0	9784.0†	+45.00	2.24
-do- Acc	10931.0	11323.0	+52.00	2.24
Special Sits	86.79	92.34	+0.52	2.23
-do- Acc	101.57	108.06	+0.61	2.23
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1187.0	1224.0†	-9.00	4.40
-do- Acc	1400.0	1444.0	+11.00	4.40

CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU
071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Index	189.40	201.70	+3.10	1.64
Capital	529.80	566.50	+5.40	2.36
Eurotrack 100	128.20	136.40	-0.40	1.52
Euro Gth	79.97	85.13	+0.72	1.32
Far East Growth	92.70	98.93	+2.23	0.13
Global Bond	23.38	24.64	+0.22	6.07
Hong Kong	83.06	88.64	-0.48	0.78
Income	494.70	522.90	+4.50	3.95
Intl Growth	73.89	78.85	+0.88	0.99
Japan Growth	279.70	298.50	+6.00	...
Japan Smllr Cos	35.49	37.87	+0.31	...
Japan Index	80.25	85.64	+0.98	0.23
Nth American	426.20	454.80	+6.90	0.95
S pore Mly Gth	53.72	57.33†	+0.17	...
The Footsie Fd	106.20	112.10†	-0.50	2.74
Tiger Index	138.10	147.30	-1.50	0.68
Triple Index	105.30	112.30	+0.70	2.56
UK Index	123.50	131.80	+1.20	2.95

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH
071 606 0708

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American P folio	82.02	87.63†	+0.91	1.00
European P folio	71.98	76.69	+0.77	1.38
Japanese P folio	67.02	71.28	+0.30	...
Pacific P folio	99.13	106.60†	+1.20	1.11
Cazenove P folio	71.20	76.15	+1.22	3.00
UK Income Gth	62.65	67.17	+0.24	5.00
Utility & Bond	49.57	50.34	+0.10	7.00

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
071 588 1815

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Investment Fd	595.05	600.00	...	4.82
Fixed Int	152.70	152.80	...	9.49
Deposit	5.60	...	5.72	...

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
071 588 1815

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	585.59	585.74	...	5.10
-do- Acc	2295.4	2305.3	...	...
Deposit	5.55	...	5.67	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.15	124.16	...	9.34
-do- Acc	165.20	165.44	...	...

CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1
071 407 5966

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
City Fin Assets	62.45	65.74	...	2.30
Beckman Intl	79.67	84.12	+1.31	3.15
Friars Hse Inc	175.04	188.22	...	6.18
Friars Hse Cap	244.34	262.73	...	2.77

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR9 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222
Dealing: 081 686 9818

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Smaller Cos	36.21	38.52	+0.16	1.78
-do- Acc	40.80	43.40	+0.17	1.78
Wwide Bd	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Wwide Sp Sits	57.10	61.07	+0.75	0.13
-do- Acc	59.48	63.61	+0.77	0.13
Quilter	122.23	130.03	+1.27	2.39
-do- Acc	135.75	144.42	+1.42	2.39
Quilter Income	93.52	99.49	+0.89	3.49
-do- Acc	115.27	122.63	+1.11	3.49
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	92.16	92.16	+0.02	5.29
-do- Acc	92.16	92.16	+0.02	5.29
Fixed Conv	39.87	42.41†	+0.28	7.13
-do- Acc	105.67	112.41	+0.73	7.13
Equity Inc	144.95	154.10	+1.04	2.83
-do- Acc	465.00	494.68	+3.33	2.83
Preference	47.47	50.50	-0.11	7.25
-do- Acc	243.54	259.09	-0.56	7.25
PPT Europe	147.93	157.37	+1.60	0.95
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	47.13	50.14	+0.26	7.82
PPT Global Bnd	81.88	87.04	+0.81	5.59
PPT Gold Cons	57.09	60.73	-1.11	...
PPT Oriental Gth	56.01	59.59	+0.32	0.47
PPT Far East Gth	106.22	113.00	+0.86	0.20
PPT High Yield	114.69	122.01	+0.74	4.71
-do- Acc	441.21	469.37	+2.83	4.71
PPT Managed	61.18	65.09	+0.52	3.37
-do- Acc	74.80	79.57	+0.63	3.37
PPT UK General	67.44	71.74	+0.72	2.52
-do- Acc	81.84	87.06	+0.88	2.52
PPT Japan	119.59	127.22	+1.04	...
PPT N Amer	146.80	156.17	+2.95	0.06
PPT UK Gth	117.74	125.25	+1.35	1.85

EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ
0242 577 555

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Oriental Op Acc	80.68	85.43	-0.07	0.92
Japanese Acc	63.90	67.98	+0.37	...
UK Balncd Inc	125.30	133.30†	+0.70	2.52
-do- Acc	147.80	157.20†	+0.70	2.52
UK Growth Acc	206.70	219.90†	+0.60	2.20
UK High Inc	130.60	138.90†	+0.50	6.84
-do- Acc	157.90	168.00†	+0.60	6.84
N America Acc	110.30	117.30	+1.80	0.33
European Acc	153.10	162.90	+1.00	0.43
UK Prof F/I Inc	59.01	62.59†	+0.07	9.03
-do- Acc	96.79	102.70†	+0.20	9.03
Intl Sp Sits Acc	47.81	50.86	+0.41	0.22
Environmntl Opp	71.34	75.89†	+0.26	1.73

EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	109.50	116.30	+1.40	0.43
UK Smlr Cos	198.40	210.80†	+0.60	1.19
Euroford	37.14	39.32	+0.38	1.02
Mngd Exempt	163.60	170.60	+0.10	3.09
Growth Inc	212.50	225.80	+2.80	3.76
High Dist	140.80	149.60†	+1.70	5.18
International	318.10	338.00	+4.30	0.96
Intl Income	79.88	85.27	+0.83	3.05
Pacific	57.64	61.24	+0.41	0.49
Smllr Jap Cos	75.14	79.84	-0.59	...
Tokyo	209.80	222.90	+2.40	...
Japan Exempt	121.10	124.40	-2.30	0.43
Sm Jap Exempt	636.80	656.40	+28.80	0.09
Formerly Target				
American Eagle	120.00	127.50	...	1.10
Australia	6.737	7.157	-0.085	1.10
Equity	187.00	198.70	+2.70	3.52
Euro Spec Sits	140.50	148.60†	+1.70	0.55
Financial	39.77	42.26	+0.59	2.85
Global Opps Inc	89.30	95.02	+1.17	2.14
-do- Acc	91.52	97.24	+1.21	2.14
Gold Gen Inc	48.58	51.62†	-0.61	0.84
-do- Acc	93.25	99.08	-1.22	0.84
Income	119.80	127.20	+1.50	3.85
Japan General	162.90	173.10	+2.90	...
Preference	21.65	23.00†	-0.10	7.91
UK Capital	102.90	109.30	+1.10	3.08
Worldwide Cap	197.30	209.60	+2.60	3.05
World Income	83.81	89.05	+1.30	3.35

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU
071 373 7261

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Endurance	174.00	185.10	...	1.08

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW
0296 431480

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Pelican	104.46	109.95	+0.99	3.19
High Income	118.59	124.83†	+0.95	4.81
Tst of Inv Tsts	144.20	151.79	+0.31	2.07
Special Sits	84.79	89.25	+0.88	2.63
North American	102.59	107.99	+0.61	0.85
Far Eastern	246.29	259.25	+2.20	1.41
Intl Growth	94.09	99.04	+0.61	1.37
European	63.58	66.93	+0.58	2.17
Smaller Cos	70.15	73.84	-0.07	2.09

FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE
0273 220 707

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
United Charities	217.60	231.40†	...	3.31

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414161

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.20
European Tst	118.40	125.90	+1.20	...
High Income	24.88	26.18†	+0.15	5.77

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	90.90	96.17	+0.82	0.86
Far Eastern	139.50	149.30	+1.90	...
Overs Income	86.18	92.22	+1.14	2.53
UK Growth	94.62	101.20	+1.00	0.95
UK Income	99.30	106.20†	+1.30	3.45
US Smaller Cos	242.00	258.80	+4.40	...

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT
071 374 4100

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Gth	48.72	51.79	+1.06	...
-do- Acc	48.72	51.79	+1.06	...
Am Smllr Co	417.30	446.20	+3.60	...
-do- Acc	426.30	455.80	+3.60	...
Capital	289.00	307.40	+0.40	2.07
-do- Acc	402.40	428.00	+0.40	2.07
Cont'l Smllr Cos	47.66	51.41†	+0.36	0.67
-do- Acc	49.82	53.73†	+0.38	0.67
Convertible	115.30	122.60	+0.60	5.91
-do- Acc	213.50	227.10	+1.30	5.91
Emg Mark	50.25	53.68	+0.29	...
-do- Acc	50.25	53.68	+0.29	...
European	95.07	101.70†	+0.70	0.88
-do- Acc	98.89	105.80†	+0.80	0.88
Extra Income	291.40	309.90	+1.00	4.00
-do- Acc	408.00	433.90†	+1.30	4.00
Financial	102.20	109.90†	+1.20	0.75
-do- Acc	107.00	115.00†	+1.20	0.75
Gilt Gth Tst	60.10	61.98	-0.38	6.90
-do- Acc	77.66	80.09	-0.49	6.90
Health Fund Inc	115.90	123.80	+1.70	...
-do- Acc	115.90	123.80	+1.70	...
Income Tst	175.40	186.50†	+1.00	3.90
-do- Acc	248.60	264.40†	+1.50	3.90
Intl Growth	314.10	335.50	+3.70	...
-do- Acc	348.70	372.50	+4.00	...
Japan Gen	183.00	195.70	+0.60	...
-do- Acc	184.80	197.70	+0.60	...
Mngd P folio Inc	90.06	94.79	+0.53	0.91
-do- Acc	94.66	99.64	+0.55	0.91
Monthly Income	149.80	159.30	+0.70	3.98
Qnty Inc	48.57	51.66†	+0.23	5.91
-do- Acc	48.68	51.78†	+0.23	5.91
Recovery	292.60	312.90	+2.70	0.61
-do- Acc	342.80	366.50	+3.30	0.61
UK Growth	46.78	50.00	+0.37	2.55
-do- Acc	46.78	50.00	+0.37	2.55

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH
Dealing: 0722 411411
Administration: 0722 411622

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	344.61	366.61†	+2.46	2.89
-do- Acc	704.40	749.36†	+5.05	2.89
Euro Gth Dist	105.12	111.83	+0.74	0.91
-do- Acc	108.26	115.17	+0.77	0.91
Fixed Int Dist	127.11	134.45†	+0.12	6.49
-do- Acc	216.25	228.74†	+0.20	6.49
Intl Gth Dist	76.49	81.37†	+0.62	0.73
-do- Acc	79.40	84.47†	+0.64	0.73
Nth Amer Dist	164.09	173.82	+1.80	0.83
-do- Acc	177.94	188.50	+1.95	0.83
Pac Basin Dist	248.03	263.86	+1.42	0.09
-do- Acc	251.95	268.03	+1.45	0.09
Stewardship Dist	300.25	319.41†	+1.17	1.74
-do- Acc	357.97	380.82†	+1.32	1.74
Stwd Inc Dist	63.57	67.63†	+0.26	3.42
-do- Acc	78.48	83.49†	+0.31	3.42
N Am Stwd Dist	94.75	100.80	+0.90	...
-do- Acc	100.22	106.62	+0.94	...

GT UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 220 4567. Dealing: 071 626 9431

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Am Sp Sits	141.50	151.40	+2.50	...
European	403.40	428.50	+3.40	0.99
Far East General	225.80	241.50	+2.30	0.30
Germany	95.38	101.10	+0.80	0.45
Global Assets In	67.82	72.43†	+0.60	2.22
Global Assets Ac	71.71	76.59	+0.64	2.18
Income Inc	121.30	129.80	+0.50	6.78
International	268.60	287.30	+3.30	0.97
Intl Income	74.52	79.36†	+0.78	3.02
Japan General	374.50	398.10	+5.80	...
Smllr Cos Div	46.62	49.86	-0.01	6.09
UK Capital Inc	164.00	175.40	+0.50	3.94
-do- Acc	280.50	300.00	+0.90	3.74
Uk Spec Sits	75.27	80.51	-0.23	1.57
US General	114.60	122.10†	+2.40	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	116.30	124.30	+1.30	0.11

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212
Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	43.97	47.03	+0.63	1.42
Cash Trust*	128.79	128.79	+0.01	4.68
Pract Inv Inc	102.24	109.64	+0.15	3.98
-do- Acc	219.48	235.37	+0.31	3.98
UK Smaller Cos	100.90	108.20	-2.61	0.94
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.51	27.28	+0.02	7.95
High Inc	31.20	33.37	+0.23	5.03
UK Equity Inc	127.11	135.95	+1.08	3.93
Global Bond	29.09	30.14	+0.30	4.78
International Funds				
Gold Intl	84.53	90.65†	-0.34	0.93
Frontier Markets	40.75	43.70	+0.41	0.39
Global Inc Gth	117.29	125.09	+1.37	2.20
UK Intl	112.52	120.34	-1.52	0.25
Overseas Funds				
American	125.65	134.09†	+2.20	0.51
European	80.81	85.71	+1.15	0.62
Euro Sel Opps	94.66	100.98	+1.33	0.89
American Emerg	79.54	85.20	+1.82	...
Hong Kong	116.99	125.46	+0.18	1.83
Japan	231.55	246.03	+2.23	...
Pacific Growth	156.58	167.91†	+0.47	0.39

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979
Dealing: 071 588 8526

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	126.04	134.81	+0.10	0.37
American Gth	122.39	130.90	+1.49	...
European Gth	65.85	70.41	+0.44	0.42
Japan Gth	80.29	85.88	+0.44	...
Pacific Inc	142.38	152.27	+1.73	2.85
Pacific Strategy	122.96	131.51	-0.34	0.25
UK Prog Inc	71.27	75.15†	+0.84	4.61
Gt British Cos	47.67	50.21†	+0.26	2.70
UK Small Cos	44.60	47.70	+0.06	2.12

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE
071 538 9668

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	131.10	131.10	...	5.06
Gilt Fixed	117.70	124.00	+0.20	6.26
Growth Equity	281.70	300.90†	+2.10	2.20
Guardhill	419.00	447.60	+2.70	2.25
Income Trust	108.90	116.30	+0.50	3.06
International	156.10	166.70	+1.60	0.36
Japan Trust	126.60	135.20	+1.00	...
Nth American	245.20	263.00	+3.50	0.49
Pacific	365.80	390.80	+4.10	0.02
European	341.40	364.70	+1.50	0.74

HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW
0800 838868

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global Adv Inc	34.82	36.91	+0.10	1.70
-do- Acc	36.44	38.63	+0.10	1.70
Inc Adv Inc	28.98	30.72†	...	4.13
-do- Acc	30.40	32.23	...	4.13

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227300
Dealing: 0277 690398

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Canadian	75.95	81.36	+0.31	0.95
Equity Income	110.20	117.20†	-0.10	3.52
European	130.00	137.60	+0.50	1.15
Intl Smaller Cos	74.17	78.90	+0.55	...
Japanese	147.60	156.60	+0.40	...
North American	95.71	101.50†	...	...
Scandinavian	113.30	119.70	-0.90	...
Smaller Cos	30.33	32.27	+0.05	1.98

HENDERSON
PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4EF
Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Smaller	87.53	93.56	+1.47	...
Asian Enterprise	130.09	140.36	+1.25	0.54
Australian	133.40	142.60	+2.76	1.20
European	366.28	387.67†	+5.27	1.07
European Inc	69.82	73.83	+1.13	2.85
Euro Sml Co	121.72	130.17	+1.27	0.58
Extra Income	254.09	270.50†	-2.33	4.92
Family of Funds	69.59	74.32	-0.19	1.28
Fixed Interest	54.27	58.04†	-0.89	8.07
Global Resour	102.23	109.74	-0.78	0.70
High Inc	285.61	305.31†	+1.89	4.35
Income Gth	232.04	247.12†	+1.96	3.84
-do- Acc	599.70	638.68†	+5.08	3.84
International	228.05	243.00	+4.22	0.94
Japan Spc Sit	246.47	262.33	+3.17	...
Japan	212.26	225.74	+3.19	...
N Amer	218.54	232.43	+3.67	0.18
Pacific Smllr Cos	191.46	206.66	+1.27	0.31
Pref Gilt	45.61	49.24†	+0.13	8.53
Smaller Cos Div	165.94	180.87†	+0.67	4.07
Special Sits	258.85	276.96	+1.73	1.62
-do- Acc	398.86	426.78	+2.68	1.62
Best of British	54.99	58.90†	+0.56	2.60
Spirit of the East	60.74	64.95	+0.83	0.53
Henderson TR				
Dealing 071 410 4029				
American Gth	79.86	85.41	+0.71	...
Euro Spec Sits	44.89	47.68	+0.28	...
-do- Acc	47.53	50.49	+0.30	...
Far East Opps	32.63	35.12†	+0.49	...
-do- Acc	33.53	36.09	+0.51	...
General Growth	97.96	104.80	+0.80	2.02
Global Tech	120.70	130.80†	+3.10	...
Income Growth	101.70	109.40	+0.90	3.43
Income Monthly	56.55	60.48	+0.24	4.27
Japan Growth	84.53	89.88†	+1.15	...
Overseas Gth	75.08	79.75†	+1.11	...
Smaller Cos	74.34	79.93	-0.88	1.54
Special Opps	103.80	111.60	+0.10	2.09
Wld Spec Sits	48.30	51.92	+0.72	...
-do- Acc	48.41	52.04	+0.72	...

HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon
081 686 4355

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British	85.74	91.70	+0.11	2.36
Capital	153.90	164.50	+1.80	1.96
Dollar	302.70	323.70	+7.40	0.09
European	194.50	208.00	+2.60	0.65
Far East	237.10	253.50	+2.50	0.42
Financial	685.50	733.10†	+7.80	2.45
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.45	26.44	+0.06	7.98
High Yield	98.55	105.40	+0.80	4.68
Income	131.60	140.70	+1.00	3.70
Intl	211.90	226.60	+3.40	0.27
Japan Tech	74.00	79.14	+1.33	...
Nat Resources	58.71	62.79	-0.05	0.66
Security	292.10	312.40†	+2.30	2.07
Smaller Cos	110.30	117.90†	+0.10	1.39
Special Sits	135.10	144.40	+0.70	1.78
US Smaller Cos	64.98	69.49	+0.08	...

INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR
071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	34.96	37.35	+0.04	1.52
Special Features	27.01	28.69	+0.32	1.63
-do- Acc	31.89	33.88	+0.38	1.63
General Funds				
UK Growth	52.64	56.31†	+0.52	1.90
Assets Earnings	70.18	74.55	+0.69	1.90
do Acc	82.47	87.62	+0.81	1.90
Managed Invest	87.15	93.12	+1.10	1.18
Expert Children	74.59	79.51	+0.73	1.82
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.62	50.62	+0.01	4.36
Extra Inc	78.14	83.62	+0.60	4.86
Gilt	27.57	29.04	+0.09	6.79
Income Gth	38.12	40.73†	+0.33	3.46
MIMstar	74.94	76.59	+0.20	8.01
Preference	17.45	19.12†	+0.02	6.26
UK Income	303.20	324.00	+2.40	2.96
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	55.63	59.10†	+0.08	1.28
Property Shares	64.36	69.29	+2.02	1.71
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	141.80	149.00†	+1.40	3.76
European Acc	108.60	115.20	+1.30	1.82
European Dist	103.30	109.60	+1.20	1.82
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	48.35	51.42	+1.08	0.91
European Perf	107.40	114.20	+0.80	1.06
-do- Acc	109.50	116.30	+0.80	1.06
Euro Small Cos	20.92	22.25	...	0.75
French Growth	64.39	68.48	+0.69	0.54
-do- Acc	68.79	73.16	+0.74	0.54
Hong K/China	71.65	76.88	+0.34	1.62
Intl Growth	51.37	54.58	+0.72	0.64
-do- Acc	51.37	54.58	+0.72	0.64
Japan Perf	36.02	38.27†	+0.50	...
Accum Units	36.02	38.27†	+0.50	...
Japan Smllr Cos	38.06	40.50	+0.60	...
Singapore Asean	80.96	87.88	+1.80	0.28
-do- Acc	81.46	88.42	+1.80	0.28
South East Asia	233.60	252.30	+3.30	0.94
US Smllr Cos	102.50	108.90	+2.00	...
-do- Acc	103.60	110.00	+2.00	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	83.07	88.56†	+0.71	2.20
Intl Bond	56.20	56.95	+0.56	6.39

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3
071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.45	69.70†	+0.01	4.97
Extra Income	50.21	53.41†	+0.31	5.80
Gilt Yield	115.80	122.10†	+0.30	7.40
Global Income	196.30	208.80†	+4.65	4.20
High Yield	130.40	138.70	+1.17	5.96
Smllr Cos Div	47.82	50.87†	+0.17	4.13
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	87.73	93.33	+1.35	...
North American	73.64	78.34	+1.33	0.41
European	129.10	137.30	+1.10	0.85
Euro Special	76.84	81.74	...	0.94
General	259.80	276.40	+3.40	3.25
Japan	443.30	471.60†	+5.30	...
Japanese Special	248.50	264.40	+2.60	...
Master Acc	212.50	226.10	-1.30	1.57
Pacific	266.10	283.10	+2.40	0.57
Smaller Cos	101.20	107.70†	...	1.56
UK Equity Gth	35.26	37.51	-1.13	1.73

LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB
031 550 5151

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	71.99	76.59	+0.36	0.94
Extra Income	23.78	25.30	+0.21	5.18
Far East	27.26	29.00	+0.20	0.92
Income Gwth	71.92	76.51	+0.66	2.85
Intl Growth	51.12	54.38	+0.51	0.72
Japan	65.72	69.91	+0.38	...
Maximum Dist*	99.80	101.80†	...	6.86
N Amer Equity	37.52	39.91†	+0.43	0.27
UK Equity	85.55	91.01†	+0.66	3.01

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Gth Inc	53.08	56.47	+0.70	4.43

LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex
Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	421.20	448.10	+4.50	2.89
Equity Acc	799.60	850.60	+8.50	2.89
Equity Income	90.29	96.05	+0.65	5.14
European	93.72	99.70	+0.65	1.72
Far Eastern	185.80	197.70	+0.20	0.29
Fixed Interest	51.39	54.67	+0.10	6.38
Gilt	88.86	94.36†	+0.21	6.52
Global Growth	65.62	69.81†	-0.42	0.74
Intl Bond	55.05	58.56	-0.37	4.85
Japanese	72.75	77.39	+0.22	...
Overseas Equity	94.51	100.50†	+0.30	0.79
Pacific Gth	85.89	91.37	+0.20	1.23

LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF
0634 834313

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	308.40	328.10†	+6.60	2.84
-do- Acc	677.30	720.60	+14.60	2.84
Contl Euro Gth	49.51	52.12	+0.39	1.52
-do- Acc	52.36	55.12	+0.41	1.52
Extra Inc	235.20	250.30	+5.00	3.75
-do- Acc	581.60	618.80	+12.50	3.75
German Gth	98.99	104.20	+0.50	0.34
-do- Acc	103.90	109.40	+0.60	0.34
Growth Port	485.10	516.10	+2.40	1.36
-do- Acc	485.10	516.10	+2.40	1.36
Income	442.80	471.10	+2.80	3.54
-do- Acc	1136.0	1209.0	+7.00	3.54
Income Port	482.50	513.30†	+1.80	4.20
-do- Acc	487.20	518.30	+1.90	4.20
Japan Growth	99.14	105.50	+0.80	0.01
-do- Acc	99.48	105.90	+0.80	0.01
Master Trust	51.39	54.68	+0.30	1.52
-do- Acc	55.90	59.47	+0.33	1.52
N American Gen	178.60	190.00	+3.10	0.01
-do- Acc	206.30	219.50	+3.60	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	138.30	147.20	+2.50	0.01
-do- Acc	141.10	150.20	+2.50	0.01
Pacific Basin	200.10	212.90	+0.80	0.53
-do- Acc	211.50	225.00	+0.90	0.53
Small Cos Rec	303.30	319.30†	+0.30	2.81
-do- Acc	395.00	415.80	+0.50	2.18
UK Growth	76.98	81.90	+0.40	2.22
-do- Acc	89.75	95.48	+0.45	2.22
Worldwide Gth	274.30	291.90	+3.20	0.14
-do- Acc	404.50	430.40	+4.80	0.14

LONDON & MANCHESTER
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS
0392 282673

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	76.05	81.60†	+0.57	2.80
Income	59.18	63.50	+0.34	5.40
International	56.33	60.44†	-0.52	0.80
American	58.22	62.47	+0.80	0.30
Japan	55.10	59.12	+0.33	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	55.39	59.43	+0.07	1.90

M & G SECURITIES LTD
Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB
Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gen	378.60	399.60	+5.10	0.81
-do- Acc	467.10	493.10	+6.40	0.81
American Rec	402.60	425.80†	+5.10	0.17
-do- Acc	461.20	487.90	+5.80	0.17
Am Sm Co Acc	115.60	122.10	+1.40	...
Australia Acc	151.90	160.60	+0.90	1.16
Capital	652.10	689.60	+3.40	2.54
-do- Acc	719.50	761.00	+3.80	2.54
Commodity Acc	419.20	443.30	-0.90	0.77
Compnd Gth	807.60	854.10	+5.10	2.94
Dividend	34.53	36.50†	+0.30	4.24
-do- Acc	136.70	144.70	+1.10	4.24
Equity Inc	297.90	315.00	+1.40	4.79
European Div	58.90	62.30	+0.50	4.33
-do- Acc	66.50	70.40	+0.50	4.33
European Gen	381.50	403.40	+3.70	1.47
-do- Acc	476.50	504.00	+4.70	1.47
Extra Yield	371.70	393.10	+2.00	4.38
-do- Acc	1086.8	1149.5	+6.00	4.38
Far Eastern	298.90	316.10	+1.40	0.63
-do- Acc	393.10	415.80	+1.80	0.63
Fund of Inv	490.80	519.00†	+1.40	2.23
-do- Acc	895.30	946.70	+2.50	2.23
General	32.90	35.90	+0.30	3.61
-do- Acc	139.30	147.40	+0.80	3.61
Gilt Fxd Int	60.30	60.30†	+0.10	7.71
do Acc	151.60	151.20	+0.20	7.71
Gold	53.50	56.60	-2.30	0.85
-do- Acc	62.60	66.20	-2.70	0.85
High Inc	24.80	26.20	+0.10	4.53
-do- Acc	91.70	97.00	+0.40	4.53
Intl Growth	67.70	71.60	+0.70	0.89
-do- Acc	116.60	123.50	+1.30	0.89
Intl Inc	91.90	97.20	+0.80	4.48
Japan Gen Acc	51.40	54.40	+0.50	...
Japan Smllr Cos	154.80	163.60	+0.60	...
Midland	54.80	58.00	+0.40	3.25
-do- Acc	175.50	185.60	+1.00	3.25
Recovery	36.30	38.40	+0.20	2.71
-do- Acc	57.00	60.30	+0.30	2.71
Second Gen	60.80	64.30	+0.20	3.41
-do- Acc	148.80	157.50	+0.50	3.41
Smaller Cos	59.70	63.10	+0.10	3.07
-do- Acc	113.10	119.60	+0.20	3.07
Trustee	38.30	40.50†	+0.10	3.87
Charifund 3	1109.01	...	+0.30	9.89
Charifund 2	621.70	628.00	+3.60	5.25
Pension ex 1	813.70	834.00	+5.20	4.36
NAACIF Inc 3	344.61	...	...	7.97
-do- Acc 3	11081.9	...	-0.50	7.97

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG
0244 680066

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Inv Port Inc	135.10	144.50	+0.91	2.01
-do- Acc	150.10	160.50	+0.91	2.01
UK Income	111.60	119.40†	+1.02	2.66
-do- Acc	126.10	134.90†	+1.02	2.66

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Emerg Mkts	79.66	85.19	-0.17	0.80
Far East (Pacific)	137.20	145.60†	-0.10	0.03
Income Growth	69.66	73.94†	-0.82	3.15
European	66.09	70.15	+0.07	1.29
Nth American	55.19	58.58†	-0.50	1.04
UK Growth	74.70	79.36	+0.78	1.65
Intl Growth	93.44	99.19	+0.82	0.65
Charities	105.40	111.80†	+0.30	3.81
Intl Income	66.01	70.07†	-0.43	4.30
Japan	54.45	57.80	+0.25	0.07

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	185.10	196.30	+2.90	...
-do- Acc	197.80	209.70	+3.00	...
Cash	100.60	100.60	...	5.48
-do- Acc	129.40	129.40	...	5.48
European Gth	189.00	200.50	-2.10	0.70
-do- Acc	202.30	214.70	+2.30	0.70
General	455.60	486.00	+3.00	2.49
-do- Acc	866.70	924.50	+5.90	2.49
Global Dist	128.20	134.80	+1.00	5.42
-do- Acc	143.50	150.80	+1.00	5.42
Income	133.90	142.90†	+1.00	4.77
-do- Acc	197.50	210.20†	+1.40	4.77
International	377.20	401.70†	+3.80	0.20
-do- Acc	501.70	534.20†	+5.00	0.20
Japan	188.30	199.90	+1.30	...
-do- Acc	193.30	205.10	+1.30	...
New Europe	136.00	145.10	+1.10	1.79
-do- Acc	138.20	147.50	+1.00	1.79
Recovery	288.00	302.20†	+0.50	2.92
-do- Acc	364.00	382.30†	+0.60	2.92
European Inc	72.67	77.23	+0.49	3.16
-do- Acc	92.19	97.98	+0.63	3.16
Brit Blue Chip	70.86	75.50	+0.52	3.34
-do- Acc	83.57	89.05	+0.63	3.34
Portfolio	72.17	76.78	+0.45	2.95
-do- Acc	82.06	87.28	+0.51	2.95
Gold General	123.50	132.80	-6.90	0.71
-do- Acc	125.20	134.60	-7.00	0.71
Pacific	91.65	97.76	+0.42	0.86
-do- Acc	96.84	103.30	+0.40	0.86
UK Smaller Cos	52.04	55.51	+0.14	1.96
-do- Acc	58.07	61.95	+0.15	1.96

MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD
192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD
Dealing: 0742 528 200
Enquiries: 0742 529 076

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Dist	56.53	60.46	+0.37	2.91
-do- Acc	57.41	61.40	+0.39	2.91
British Dist	75.97	81.25	+0.55	2.05
-do- Acc	85.99	91.97	+0.62	2.05
European Gth	164.80	176.00†	+2.40	0.49
-do- Acc	207.00	221.10	+3.00	0.49
Extra High Inc	67.96	72.68	+0.19	6.13
-do- Acc	119.50	127.80	+0.30	6.13
FT-SE 100 Index	48.09	51.43	+0.49	2.71
-do- Acc	48.09	51.43	+0.49	2.71
Gilt Fixed Inr	54.75	57.00†	+0.07	6.90
-do- Acc	146.10	152.10	+0.20	6.90
High Yield	212.90	227.70†	+1.20	4.83
-do- Acc	499.90	534.60	+2.90	4.83
Income	274.60	293.70	+2.20	3.40
-do- Acc	571.00	610.70	+4.70	3.40
Japan Gth	347.40	371.60	+4.30	...
-do- Acc	366.70	392.20	+4.60	...
Mandarin Acc	97.08	103.80	-1.70	0.70
North American	160.00	171.10†	+3.10	0.45
-do- Acc	201.80	215.80	+3.90	0.45

MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT
Dealing: 071 826 0826
Enquiries: 071 826 0123

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	260.20	277.30	+4.40	...
Deposit Inc	100.14	100.14†	+0.01	5.69
Deposit Acc	122.47	122.47†	+0.01	5.69
Euro Gth Acc	272.80	291.50†	+2.70	...
Europa	132.30	131.50	+1.10	...
Intl Gth	169.30	180.80†	+1.70	...
Japan Tracker	77.69	82.32†	+0.85	...
UK Equity Inc	145.10	156.10†	+0.50	4.20
-do- Acc	177.90	191.40†	+0.60	4.20
UK Ind Tracker	141.30	151.30	+1.00	3.30
US Eq Ind Trkr	186.90	198.30	+2.90	1.46
-do- Acc	197.70	209.80	+3.10	1.46
Asian Trader	158.50	171.00†	+0.30	0.45

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Inc	160.80	164.50	+1.80	2.35
European	59.60	60.88	+0.09	1.32
Olympiad	53.78	55.09	+0.37	0.30
Global Bond	46.32	46.83†	+0.12	6.76
Smaller Cos	65.48	68.31†	-0.03	0.93
Equity Income	89.55	92.03†	+0.62	5.29
UK Growth	81.37	83.78	+0.52	2.12

NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
The Billion Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222
Dealing: 0705 387730

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Acc	45.51	48.54	+0.79	1.01
Australian Acc	282.80	303.40	+3.50	...
Conscience	61.93	66.09†	-1.06	1.07
-do- Acc	66.83	71.32	-1.15	1.07
European	162.30	173.50	+1.80	1.12
-do- Acc	175.10	186.70	+2.00	1.12
Extra Income	71.02	75.79	+0.47	5.86
-do- Acc	108.20	115.40	+0.70	5.86
Far East Gth	165.20	176.50	+2.10	0.07
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.33	60.69	+0.16	6.39
Gold	43.88	47.18	-1.32	...
-do- Acc	47.28	50.81	-1.42	...
Income	50.47	53.83†	+0.52	5.22
-do- Acc	154.50	164.80	+1.60	5.22
International	29.35	31.49	+0.54	1.05
-do- Acc	42.17	45.24	+0.77	1.05
Jap Sm Cos Acc	348.20	371.50	+1.80	...
S pore Mly Acc	181.40	194.50	-1.40	...
Smllr Cos Acc	24.90	26.77†	+0.01	2.05
Special Sits	31.87	34.26	+0.09	1.81
-do- Acc	36.70	39.46	+0.11	1.81
Tokyo	87.24	93.05	+1.17	...
-do- Acc	88.12	93.99	+1.18	...

N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF
061 237 5322

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
N&P UK Growth	66.88	71.15	+0.51	2.77
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	73.36	77.64	+0.07	6.68
N&P Higher Inc	193.30	205.70	+1.30	4.51
N&P UK Income	98.60	104.94†	+0.76	3.92
N&P Intl	85.25	90.70†	+0.39	1.60
N&P Smaller Cos	75.10	79.90	+0.14	1.49

NEWTON FUND MANAGERS
2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA
071 407 4404

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	160.64	170.90	+1.38	2.33
Global	278.19	295.95	+2.73	1.14
Growth	106.49	113.29	+0.89	2.55
Income	197.12	209.71	+1.53	4.40
Intl Bond	123.02	130.64	+0.53	6.49

PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD
PO Box 580, Peterborough PE2 6BR
0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth	134.00	141.00†	-0.10	2.61
-do- Acc	237.50	250.00	...	2.61
Income	212.60	226.10	-0.50	3.64
Intl Equity	216.60	230.30	-1.70	0.90
-do- Acc	237.10	252.20	-1.80	0.90
Equity	210.20	223.60†	-2.90	2.51
-do- Acc	431.50	458.90	-0.20	2.51
UK Intl 25 Acc	67.64	71.95	-0.13	1.99
UK Income	59.08	62.84	-0.07	3.12
UK Smllr Co Acc	72.91	77.56	+0.18	1.46
New Europe Acc	58.85	62.60	-0.36	1.41

PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames
0491 417000

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Asian Smllr Mkt	90.28	96.56	-0.66	0.20
PEP Gth Inc	99.62	106.53	+1.25	1.31
Intl Gth	483.37	516.98	+8.23	0.83
Income	292.93	313.30	+2.65	3.51
W wide Recov	305.37	326.60	+3.96	0.35
American Gth	200.81	214.78	+4.31	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	182.96	195.68	+2.05	0.08
Far East Gth	218.37	233.56	+2.61	0.12
European Gth	110.48	118.17	+1.10	1.33
UK Growth	75.09	80.32	+0.51	3.05
High Income	81.79	87.48	+0.72	4.54
Japanese Gth	222.02	236.03	+2.96	0.01

PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282443

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
International	168.50	179.20	...	0.87
High Income	105.80	112.60†	-0.40	3.75
Conv Gilt	107.20	114.10†	+0.10	6.28
Far East	301.40	320.60	+1.30	0.27
Global Inc Acc	30.59	32.55	+0.43	3.18

PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	49.63	52.80	+0.97	0.21
Emerging Mkts	62.90	66.91	+0.96	0.50
General	46.49	49.46†	+0.58	3.25
International	83.05	88.35	+1.07	1.36
Gilt Units	24.92	25.69†	+0.05	7.50
Global PEP	34.61	36.82	+0.38	2.10
Income Gth	64.14	68.23†	+0.80	4.80
European	41.47	44.12	+0.47	0.68
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.10	26.70†	+0.03	5.85

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
51/49 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL
081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490
Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314
Pricebank 0426 925891

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Pru Mngd Tst	30.94	33.09	+0.26	1.74
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	101.08	101.08†	+0.02	4.85
-do- Acc	105.20	105.20†	+0.02	4.85
Pru Equity	646.58	691.52†	+5.17	2.45
Pru Equity Inc	77.20	82.56†	+0.32	4.65
Pru European	168.33	180.03†	+1.86	1.44
Pru Global Gth	78.52	83.97	+0.81	1.53
Pru High Inc	84.12	89.96†	+0.29	5.71
Pru Intl	159.96	171.08	+2.28	0.99
Pru Intl Sm Co	68.50	73.26	+0.90	0.65
Pru Japanese	203.55	217.70†	+1.98	...
Pru Nth Amer	138.99	148.65	+3.48	0.47
Pru Pacific Mkt	76.03	81.31	+0.86	1.73
Pru Premr Inc	48.35	50.35†	+0.06	7.60
Pru Smllr Cos	81.01	86.64†	-0.13	1.99
Pru Spec Sits	97.20	103.95	+0.68	2.23
Pru UK Growth	108.27	115.79†	+0.88	2.34

ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR
Dealing: 071 634 2981/4

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
NC Income	149.55	161.08†	+1.38	3.65
NC Japan	279.13	299.04	+2.71	...
NC Maj UK Cos	90.90	97.28†	+0.66	2.54
NC America Inc	464.74	498.13	+6.54	0.76
-do- Acc	539.79	578.58	+7.60	0.76
NC Smlr UK Cos	262.69	286.23	+1.11	1.52
NC European	248.20	265.01	+1.47	1.41

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB
0708 766966 or 0800 829929 (IFAs only)

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Inc Gth	69.50	73.93†	+0.63	3.81
Capital Units	141.60	150.60†	-1.20	1.30
Commodity	105.40	112.10	-1.10	1.16
European Gth	149.60	159.10	+1.40	1.34
Financial Sec	166.90	177.50†	+1.20	1.90
High Return	211.10	224.50	+1.20	4.46
High Yield	201.10	213.90	+0.90	4.08
Income Units	106.40	113.10	+0.40	5.05
Investment	171.40	182.30	+0.10	1.14
Japan Gth	158.30	168.30	+1.10	...
Japan Smaller	193.90	206.20†	+0.40	...
Masterfund	45.87	48.79†	+0.32	1.31
Scotbits	244.50	260.10	+2.00	1.62
Scotshares	251.80	267.80†	+0.80	2.30
Scotyields	218.00	232.80	+1.20	3.97
Select Intl	127.30	135.40	+0.98	0.73
Smaller Cos	225.60	239.90	+0.20	4.01
Special Situation	108.70	115.60†	+0.40	0.84
UK Equity	221.00	235.10	+1.40	2.70
US Growth	135.10	143.70	+2.30	0.39

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD
33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	231.60	247.00†	+2.96	0.50
-do- Acc	250.90	267.58	+3.21	0.50
Australian	123.89	132.14	+2.20	0.81
-do- Acc	145.64	155.35	+2.59	0.81
UK Enterprise	207.68	221.52	+2.03	2.38
-do- Acc	239.91	255.89	+2.33	2.38
European Gth	59.32	63.11†	+0.62	1.39
-do- Acc	61.62	65.55	+0.64	1.39
Euro Smllr Cos	55.07	58.69†	-0.27	0.38
-do- Acc	55.45	59.09	-0.28	0.38
Far Eastern Gth	71.23	75.97	+0.21	...
-do- Acc	72.38	77.20	+0.22	...
Fixed Interest	52.18	55.02	+0.08	6.80
-do- Acc	63.37	66.81	+0.10	6.80
Gilt Income	101.16	106.60	+0.37	7.53
-do- Acc	141.29	148.89	+0.53	7.53
Income	309.73	330.37	+5.18	3.98
-do- Acc	913.99	974.52	+15.29	3.98
Japan Enterprise	70.51	75.27	+0.48	...
-do- Acc	70.57	75.27	+0.48	...
Japan Smllr Cos	489.41	522.03	+4.92	...
-do- Acc	490.39	523.07	+4.92	...
Pacific Gth	91.74	97.85	+0.76	0.20
-do- Acc	94.46	100.76	+0.78	0.20
Smaller Cos	187.60	200.10†	+0.22	0.92
-do- Acc	216.78	231.23	+0.26	0.92
Tokyo	108.80	116.05	+1.35	...
-do- Acc	109.90	117.23	+1.38	...
UK Equity	206.57	220.34	+2.06	2.67
-do- Acc	382.55	408.06	+5.50	2.67
US Smllr Cos	131.38	140.13†	+1.82	...
-do- Acc	131.38	140.13	+1.82	...
World Fd	69.47	74.10	+0.76	1.59
-do- Acc	73.25	78.13	+0.81	1.59

SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ
041 204 2200

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Income	45.67	48.64	-0.01	4.43
Equity Strategy	63.82	67.97	+0.09	1.13
European Opps	69.95	74.50	+0.11	3.22
Maximum Inc	95.05	101.60	+0.01	5.46
UK Smaller Cos	51.71	55.07	+0.08	3.21

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	340.60	363.90	+2.90	2.75
American	238.10	253.30	+4.50	0.92
Pacific	334.00	357.20	+4.60	0.60
European	441.30	472.00	+4.10	1.25
Worldwide	78.94	84.43	+0.96	1.06

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN
041 248 6100

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	298.30	317.60†	+3.00	2.61
UK Sm Cos Eqty	200.40	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
European	324.40	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
North American	244.10	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income Plus Inc	64.10	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Spec Sits	66.12	70.3[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA
031 558 2341/2/3

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Gth Acc	28.20	29.97	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intl Growth Acc	28.93	30.0[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Market Ldrs Acc	25.73	27.54	[illegible]	[illegible]

FOR SGYR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON

SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	106.09	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Global Bond	104.90	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan Samurai	100.82	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Growth	96.66	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ
0800 393777

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed	43.36	46.07	[illegible]	[illegible]
Equity Gth Acc	58.65	62.32	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Eq General	41.08	43.6[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	54.31	57.71	[illegible]	[illegible]
European Acc	40.36	42.90	[illegible]	[illegible]
Far East Acc	54.78	58.21	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	29.62	31.3[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
N American Acc	42.13	44.77	[illegible]	[illegible]
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	274.30	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Eq High Inc	34.18	36.32	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	40.59	43.13	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Lgr Cos Inc	283.80	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Lgr Cos Acc	369.50	401.00	[illegible]	[illegible]

STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global A	N283.67	N283.90	[illegible]	[illegible]
US Eq	$2.107	$2.237	[illegible]	[illegible]
Far East Eq	Y245.9	Y261.[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan Eq	Y249.9	Y265.4	[illegible]	[illegible]
FT Europe	110.80	117.60	[illegible]	[illegible]
FT North Am	$1.734	$1.838	[illegible]	[illegible]
FT Japan	Y244.0	Y259.3	[illegible]	[illegible]
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.941	$2.062	[illegible]	[illegible]

STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh
031 226 3271

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	329.90	351.30	[illegible]	[illegible]
British	930.70	974.10	[illegible]	[illegible]
European	389.50	414.80	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan	148.00	157.20	[illegible]	[illegible]
New Pacific	289.50	307.30	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mngd Cash	95.96	95.96	[illegible]	[illegible]
Majority Stg	100.15	101.15	[illegible]	[illegible]
Inv Tst	185.10	196.20	[illegible]	[illegible]
Saints PPP	360.80	379.80	[illegible]	[illegible]

SUN ALLIANCE
Admin. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex
0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690359

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Acc	713.90	763.50	[illegible]	[illegible]
N America Acc	112.40	120.20	-2.10	[illegible]
Far East Acc	121.60	130.10	[illegible]	[illegible]
W wide Bond	59.42	63.08	[illegible]	[illegible]
European	81.84	87.53	[illegible]	[illegible]
Equity Income	79.37	84.89	[illegible]	[illegible]

SUN LIFE OF CANADA
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ
Dealing: 0256 841414

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	33.47	35.80	[illegible]	[illegible]
Managed Assets	117.15	125.30	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Income	35.69	38.18†	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Growth	35.91	38.41	[illegible]	[illegible]
Worldwide Gth	30.52	32.65†	[illegible]	[illegible]

TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE
0264 346794

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	199.77	212.52	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	219.41	233.42	[illegible]	[illegible]
British Gth	83.66	89.00	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	98.43	104.72	[illegible]	[illegible]
European	93.17	99.12	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	98.27	104.55	[illegible]	[illegible]
Extra Inc	181.93	193.54	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	290.23	308.75	[illegible]	[illegible]
General Unit	258.21	274.69	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	509.51	542.03	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income	312.87	332.84	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	650.18	691.68†	[illegible]	[illegible]
International	480.53	511.20	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	629.06	669.21†	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pacific	338.94	360.57	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	354.96	377.62	[illegible]	[illegible]
Premier Income	49.92	52.00†	-0.07	[illegible]
-do- Acc	104.07	108.41†	+0.15	[illegible]
Nat Resources	118.68	126.26	-4.35	[illegible]
-do- Acc	130.25	138.56	[illegible]	[illegible]
Selected Opps	95.57	101.67	-0.26	1.14
-do- Acc	119.65	127.29	-0.42	1.14

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF
071 493 7262 Dealing: 071 493 8545

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Sml Cos	77.84	83.02	+1.35	...
-do- Acc	80.29	85.64	+1.41	...
European Opps	59.39	63.24	+0.70	0.47
-do- Acc	60.02	63.91	+0.71	0.47
Far East Opps	151.09	161.16	+1.31	...
-do- Acc	154.61	164.91	+1.33	...
Japan	88.29	93.87	+1.55	...
-do- Acc	88.29	93.87	+1.55	...
Little Dragons	70.02	74.68	+0.41	0.67
-do- Acc	72.08	76.88	+0.44	0.67
Oriental Income	43.68	46.59	+0.55	3.41
-do- Acc	55.68	59.39	+0.69	3.41
Tiger	211.76	225.87	+1.60	1.17
-do- Acc	222.47	237.30	+1.69	1.17
UK Small Cos	74.42	79.39	+0.39	2.00
-do- Acc	86.93	92.86	+0.46	2.00

WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ
031 225 1551

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Australasian Gold	17.43	18.54	-0.14	0.50
Pacific Basin	31.08	33.06	+0.31	0.60
Canadian Gth	35.54	37.80	+0.11	...
Global Bond	$0.961	$1.001	+0.002	7.29
Penny Share	25.45	27.07	+1.71	1.50

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT
071 606 3132

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
City Reserve	52.77	52.77	...	5.40
Gilt Growth	65.34	67.99	+0.04	...
Gilt Income	51.44	53.53	+0.04	7.75
Short Dtd Gilt	106.40	107.80	+0.10	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.713	$0.723	+0.000	...
Challenger	88.89	90.96	+0.57	...

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
2 Wilde Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG
081 298 4000

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Stockmarket Fd	67.23	71.52	+0.56	2.07

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	4,300	Carlton Cms	496	Legal & Gn	737	Scot & New	459
Abbey Natl	1,900	Coats Vylla	1,400	Lloyds Bk	3,500	Scot Power	1,400
Alld-Lyons	3,200	Cm Union	746	MB Cardn	415	Sears	6,900
Anglian W	1,900	Courtaulds	1,300	Marks Spr	6,100	Svrn Trent	2,200
Argyll Gp	6,900	De La Rue	483	NFC	435	Shell Trans	3,400
Arjo Wiggn	7,700	Enterpr Oil	321	NatWst Bk	6,100	Siebe	3,100
AB Foods	44	Fisons	2,900	Nat Power	1,400	SmKl Bch	2,100
BAA	2,700	Forte	2,500	Nth Wst W	2,600	Smith Nph	370
BAT Inds	3,000	GRE	2,500	Nthrn Fds	843	Sthrn Elec	490
BOC	1,600	GUS A	206	P & O	2,500	Std Chartd	556
BP	3,900	Gen Acc	745	Pearson	1,900	Sun Allnce	2,300
BT	7,900	Gen Elec	8,600	PowerGen	1,100	TI Gp	752
BTR	3,900	Glaxo	4,000	Prudential	5,300	TSB	3,800
Bk of Scot	1,200	Granada	1,100	RTZ	3,200	Tate & Lyle	635
Barclays	8,900	Grand Met	4,000	Rank Org	340	Tesco	10,000
Bass	2,400	Guinness	3,000	Reckitt Col	972	Thames W	2,200
Blue Circle	950	HSBC	3,100	Redland	687	Thrn EMI	453
Boots	2,300	Hanson	13,000	Reed Intl	2,200	Tomkins	2,300
Bowater	3,300	ICI	3,300	Rentokil	332	Unilever	1,200
Brit Airways	531	Inchcape	433	Reuters	274	Utd Bisc	1,200
Brit Gas	3,900	Kingfisher	1,300	Rothmans	262	Vodafone	5,200
Brit Steel	6,000	Kwik Save	274	Ryl Ins	2,200	Wellcome	449
Burmah Cast	28	LASMO	4,400	Ryl Bk Scot	2,400	Whitbd 'A'	1,500
Cable Wire	2,200	Ladbroke	5,300	Sainsbury	2,000	Wlms Hld	880
Cadbury	564	Land Secs	4,500	Scot Hydro	832	Zeneca	3,100

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3544.87 (-7.47)
S&P Composite 452.79 (-1.04)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 20691.70 (+100.29)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 7322.23 (-53.58)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 104.6 (+0.2)

Sydney: AO 1741.9 (+8.0)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1625.21 (+5.32)

FT 30 share: 2230.3 (+18.5)

Brussels:
General 6045.65 (-48.20)

Paris: CAC 513.51 (+0.43)

Zurich: SKA Gen 500.5 (+3.0)

London:
FT A All-Share 1413.55 (+7.40)
FT 500 1535.81 (+5.56)
FT Gold Mines 182.5 (-18.1)
FT Fixed Interest 111.32 (+0.19)
FT Govt Secs 95.04 (+0.20)
Bargains 29217
SEAQ Volume 601.9m
USM (Datastrm) 138.18 (+0.21)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
June 1	June 11	September 2	September 13

Call options were taken out on 2/6/93: Arcon Intl Res, Avesco, BET, Budgens, Cannon St Inv, Corporate Services, Excalibur, Fairhaven Intl, Greycoat, Hanson Wts, Lep, Premier Cons Oil. Puts: Dares Estates, Dares 7¾% Prf.
Puts & Calls: Greycoat, Lep.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Jun 93	2869.0	2879.0	2863.0	2872.0	7219
Previous open interest: 48753	Sep 93	2890.0	2897.0	2886.0	2893.0	1315
Three Month Sterling	Jun 93	94.09	94.09	94.04	94.06	7794
Previous open interest: 319568	Sep 93	94.26	94.32	94.21	94.29	31700
	Dec 93	94.23	94.29	94.19	94.27	8712
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 93	96.67	96.67	96.67	96.66	146
Previous open interest: 18381	Sep 93	96.48	96.48	96.47	96.45	210
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 93	92.47	92.49	92.42	92.49	22866
Previous open interest: 605684	Sep 93	93.23	93.28	93.12	93.27	87105
Long Gilt	Jun 93	104-04	104-23	104-02	104-21	6170
Previous open interest: 75819	Sep 93	103-06	103-23	103-02	103-21	25707
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 93	107.76	107.78	107.66	107.70	29
	Sep 93	106.95	106.96	106.72	106.77	1817
German Gov Bd Bund	Jun 93	93.91	94.07	93.58	94.06	89394
Previous open interest: 172335	Sep 93	94.20	94.39	93.92	94.38	28175
German Gov Bd Bobl	Jun 93	98.17	98.36	97.92	98.36	8977
Previous open interest: 20591	Sep 93	98.52	98.75	98.32	98.75	4704
Three month ECU	Jun 93	92.30	92.37	92.20	92.37	1752
Previous open interest: 26649	Sep 93	93.01	93.10	92.93	93.10	1659
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 93	94.87	94.87	94.84	94.86	944
Previous open interest: 40224	Sep 93	95.21	95.25	95.13	95.22	2895
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 93	99.09	99.60	99.09	99.53	12817
Previous open interest: 42926	Sep 93	99.10	99.52	99.04	99.48	12739

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Lyon	550	47	59½	67	7	15	21
(*572½)	600	15½	30	39	31	36½	44½
Argyll	330	24	34	40	9½	15	22
(*344)	360	10	19	26	25	32	37
ASDA	67	7	10	-	2½	6	-
(*71)	70	3½	6	-	5	11	-
Boots	420	41	54	59	6½	13	18
(*455)	460	15	30	36	22	30	35
Br Airwys	257	27	38	42½	5	12½	17
(*273)	280	10½	22	26½	20½	25½	31½
BP	280	18	28½	32	9	16½	21
(*287)	300	7	14	19	22½	33½	37
Br Steel	90	12	15	15	3½	6	7½
(*99½)	100	6½	10	14	8½	11	13
C & W	700	50	66	75½	16	26½	35½
(*737)	750	15	38½	52	42½	52	61
CU	500	45	52	-	6½	17	-
(*541)	550	15	27	-	27	42	-
ICI	1250	54	67	76	7½	21	30
(*1274)	1300	3½	49½	62	15½	32½	40
Kingfisher	535	57	67	-	6	14	-
(*581)	584	24	38	-	22	34	-
Land Sec	550	45	56	65	6	11	16
(*581)	600	14	26	35	27	33	38
M & S	330	17	26	33	9½	16	20
(*334)	360	5	14	20	30	33	36
Nat West	460	28	40	50	14	25	31
(*465½)	500	11	22	32	37	49	54
Sainsbury	460	45	50	60	7	14	20
(*494)	500	19	35	44	21	30	37
Shell	600	25	35½	45½	16	26	31
(*607)	650	6	14	24	46	57	60½
Smkl Bch	460	37	52	64	13	24	32
(*474)	500	16	32	44½	32½	44½	52½
Storehse	200	14	22	26	8	13	16
(*207½)	220	6½	13	17	21	24	28
Trafalgar	100	12½	16½	-	4	6½	-
(*105)	110	7	11½	14	8	11½	14
Unilever	1000	46	75	89½	16	28	36
(*1022½)	1050	21	45	62½	42½	52½	62½
Zeneca	600	56	68	83	13	30	38½
(*634)	650	24	42½	57½	33½	56½	64½

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Feb	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Feb
Grnd Met	390	33	42	51	10	17	25
(*410½)	420	14	26	35	22	32	41
Ladbroke	160	25½	34	37	3	8	11½
(*182)	180	14½	22	26	8½	17	22
Utd Bisc	360	38½	51½	58	9	14½	23
(*385)	390	21	34	42½	22	25½	37

Series		Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Jan
BAA	750	33½	54½	59½	23	32	38
(*762½)	800	12½	30½	36	54½	60½	66
Thames W	500	13½	25½	29½	23½	32	35
(*504½)	550	3	9	12½	64½	67½	68½

Series		Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
BAT Ind	425	29	34	34	14	25	29
(*430½)	450	14	24	34	27	40	43
BTR	600	27	39½	50	15	27½	32
(*606)	650	7	18½	27	48	57	60½
Br Aero	330	55	69½	77	13½	21	32½
(*367)	360	36	52½	60	26	39	47
Br Telcm	420	20½	26	30½	15	25½	31½
(*421½)	460	6	11½	16	41	52½	57
Cadbury	420	36½	47½	56½	8	16½	21
(*446½)	460	14½	26	35	27½	36	40½
Guinness	460	31	45	55	16	26	33
(*470)	500	12	24	36	39	48	55
GEC	300	27½	31½	35½	6½	9½	13
(*322)	330	8	16	20½	22	26	28½
Hanson	220	17½	22	26	5	9	12½
(*230½)	240	6	12	16	14	19½	23
LASMO	140	28	33	39	3½	9½	13
(*162)	160	14½	22	29	10	18	23
Lucas	130	14	18½	21½	7	15	18½
(*133)	140	8	14	16½	14½	22½	25
Pilkngtn	130	12	16	19	7½	13	16
(*134½)	140	6½	12	15	15	18	21
Prudential	300	33	38	44	4	11	14
(*323)	330	14	21	27	16	24	27
Redland	460	47	59	67	9½	24½	29
(*491)	500	24	38	47	27½	44	50
Royal Ins	269	25	32	39	7	14	17
(*284)	288	14	22	28	16	24	27
Tesco	220	18	25	31	8	14	17
(*227½)	240	8½	15	20½	19	24	27
Vodafone	420	37	52	59	11½	21	24½
(*443)	460	16	30½	39	31	39½	44
Williams	300	25	31½	38	8	16	19
(*312)	330	9	17	24	23	33½	36½

FT-SE INDEX (*2865½)

	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950	3000
Calls						
Jun	128	83	43	19	6	2½
Jul	148	108	71	44	26	14
Aug	168	129	98	69	47	33
Sep	186	148	111	88	71	52
Dec	-	197	-	138	-	88
Puts						
Jun	5	9	24	51	91	141
Jul	17	27	40	67	101	146
Aug	30	43	61	80	116	155
Sep	40	53	73	95	126	161
Dec	-	80	-	126	-	181

Series		Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abby Nat	390	28	37	48	2½	12	17
(*414½)	420	7	20	31	13	26	31
Amstrad	30	5½	8	10	1	2	3½
(*35½)	35	2	5½	7	2	4½	5½
Barclays	420	50	58	67	1½	9	15
(*466½)	460	13	31	43	7	25	32
Blue Circ	240	15	25	31	2½	13	19
(*251½)	260	4	16	22	13	22	30
Br Gas	280	12	22	26½	3	8	15
(*289)	300	2½	11½	16½	13	18½	25½
	330	1	3½	7	42½	42½	47½
Dixons	200	20	28	35	2	12	16
(*217½)	220	6	18	25	9	22	27
Forte	180	21½	29½	34	1½	7	12½
(*198½)	200	5	17	23½	7	16	22½
Glaxo	600	26	58½	70	10	32½	45
(*607½)	650	6½	34½	48	42	61	83
	700	1½	19½	31	89	98	118
HSBC	600	42	66	83	4	26	35
(*634)	650	8	39	58	25	48	60
Hillsdwn	140	13½	21	25½	2	7	11½
(*149)	160	2	10½	15½	11½	17	22½
Lonrho	110	8½	14½	19	2½	9½	13
(*115)	120	3½	10½	15	8	15½	19
Reuter	1350	36½	92½	141	16	60½	78
(*1376)	1400	12½	66	115	44	87	104
R-Royce	140	7	14½	19	4½	10	16
(*142½)	160	1	6½	11	19½	23	28½
Sears	90	12	14	16½	1	3½	5
(*101)	100	4	7½	10½	3½	6½	9
Tarmac	130	8½	17	20	3½	8½	14
(*134½)	140	4	10½	15	8½	14	20
Thm Emi	850	42	60	72	3½	31	37½
(*884½)	900	10½	31	47½	24½	59½	65½
Tomkins	220	13	19½	26	2½	10½	14
(*229)	240	2½	9½	17	13	21	25½
TSB	180	8	15	20	3½	11	15
(*185)	200	2	7	13	18	24	27
Wellcome	750	34½	69	93	14	37	61
(*759½)	800	10½	45	67	42	63½	88

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Dec	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Dec
Fisons	160	15	23	25	11	18	22
(*162½)	180	6½	15½	17	24½	31	34

Series		Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
Eastern Elc	460	24½	32½	39	19½	26	32
(*472)	500	6½	16	22	47½	52	56

Series		Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Nat Pwr	330	25	35	45	1½	8½	13
(*352)	360	6	18	27½	12	21	25½
Scot Pwr	310	15	21½	26½	2	11½	14½
(*322)	330	3	10	17	10½	23	25½

June 2, 1993 Tot: 22649 Call: 15452 Put: 7197 FT-SE Call: 2132 Put: 3047
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Sugar recovered quite well once New York opened, helped by a United States Department of Agriculture report projecting a supply deficit of just over one million tonnes in 1993/94, after a deficit in 1992/93. These figures are very provisional, but the USDA have only projected a very small increase in consumption next year, despite long term trend growth of 1.8% per year since the early 1980's.

LONDON FOX
COCOA

Jul	663-662	Sep	763-762
Sep	679-678	Dec	788-787
Dec	700-699	Mar	811-807
Mar	721-720	May	828-822
May	736-735		
Jul	750-748	Volume:	2878

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	916-914	Mar	941 SLR
Sep	923-922	May	951 SLR
Nov	932-928	Jul	unq
Jan	933-932	Volume:	1297

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot: unq		Mar	-
May	unq	May	-
Aug	-	Aug	-
Oct	-	Volume:	0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	281.5-80.5
Spot: 274.5		May	286.0-83.5
Aug	279.0-77.5	Aug	293.0-89.5
Oct	278.5-77.0	Oct	288.0-82.0
Dec	281.0-79.5	Volume:	438

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on June 2

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	92.33	128.80	142.26
(+/-)	+0.39	-10.14	-0.32
Eng/Wales:	92.33	128.49	142.59
(+/-)	-0.39	-10.76	-0.14
(%)	+7.1	-4.6	-1.5
Scotland:	n/a	132.30	139.98
(+/-)	n/a	-2.51	-1.62
(%)	n/a	-23.3	-3.5

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Jun	113.0	113.0	Aug	103.0	103.0
Jul	106.5	106.5	Volume:	14	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT (close £/t)

Jun	138.40
Sep	107.65
Nov	109.35
Jan	112.20
Mar	114.75
Volume:	31

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	105.75
Nov	108.35
Jan	111.00
Mar	112.50
May	114.00
Volume:	11

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Jun	144.00
Aug	142.00
Oct	143.50
Dec	147.80
Feb	unq
Volume:	203

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	50.0
Apr	97.1	98.3
May	unq	105.5
Volume:	166	

RUBBER
No 1 RSS CIF (p/kg)
Jul 58.75-59.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): The oil market continued to mark time ahead of next week's Opec meeting.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.50	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Jun)	18.55	n/c
Brent 15 day (Jul)	18.65	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	20.15	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	20.30	n/c

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	209 (n/c)	211 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	173 (+2)	173 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Jun	172 (+1)	173 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Jul	173 (n/c)	174 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	65 (n/c)	67 (n/c)
Naphtha	181 (-1)	182 (-1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Jun	172.00-72.25	Sep	175.75-76.00
Jul	172.50-72.75	Oct	179.00-79.25
Aug	173.75-74.00	Nov	181.00-81.50
		Vol:	8122

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jul	18.66-18.67	Oct	19.02 SLR
Aug	18.78-18.79	Nov	n/a
Sep	18.88 BID	Vol:	12474

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Jun	199.00-99.50	Sep	n/a
Jul	199.75-00.00	Oct	n/a
Aug	198.00-02.50	Vol:	21

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

Jun 93	High: 1495	Low: 1474	Close: 1479
Jul 93	1360	1340	1342
Oct 93	1430	1422	1430
Jan 94	1465	1450	1458

Vol: 175 lots. Open int'st: 3059 Index 1618 -5

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3 mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1167.0-1168.0	1181.0-1181.5	1546625
Lead (£/tonne)	256.75-257.00	266.50-266.75	85925
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	923.50-924.00	943.00-944.00	450075
Tin ($/tonne)	5182.0-5185.0	5235.0-5240.0	18735
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1123.5-1124.0	1146.0-1146.5	914650
Nickel ($/tonne)	5629.0-5631.0	5695.0-5696.0	31470

STERLING INDEX

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 79.5 (day's range 79.4-79.9).

EXCHANGE RATES: SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for June 2	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7468-2.7678	2.7636-2.7678	¼-⅛ds	⅜-1ds
Brussels	50.27-50.64	50.45-50.55	4-9ds	14-21ds
Copenhagen	9.4010-9.4640	9.4030-9.4250	2⅜-3⅜ds	6½-8⅜ds
Dublin	1.0080-1.0110	1.0085-1.0105	13-19ds	40-50ds
Frankfurt	2.4561-2.4675	2.4570-2.4603	⅜-½ds	1⅛-1⅜ds
Lisbon	235.69-237.39	235.92-236.39	180-199ds	446-498ds
Madrid	192.25-193.69	192.40-192.69	111-130ds	267-310ds
Milan	2242.90-2268.30	2242.90-2249.10	9-11ds	28-31ds
Montreal	1.9537-1.9730	1.9570-1.9591	0.29-0.21pr	0.45-0.31pr
New York	1.5380-1.5540	1.5405-1.5415	0.37-0.35pr	1.01-0.98pr
Oslo	10.4120-10.4930	10.4130-10.4360	1-2¼ds	3⅞-5⅜ds
Paris	8.2570-8.3300	8.2570-8.2710	1½-1⅞ds	4-4⅞ds
Stockholm	11.0580-11.1490	11.0680-11.0920	2⅜-3⅜ds	6⅞-8⅞ds
Tokyo	165.05-166.51	165.41-165.61	½-⅜pr	1⅛-1pr
Vienna	17.21-17.36	17.26-17.32	1⅜-2⅛ds	4⅛-6⅛ds
Zurich	2.1934-2.2096	2.1949-2.1979	⅛pr-par	½-¼pr

Source: Extel — Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina peso*	1.5464-1.5490
Australia dollar	2.2784-2.2817
Bahrain dinar	0.579-0.591
Brazil cruzeiro *	66232.4-66275.9
Cyprus pound	0.73-0.74
Finland markka	8.317-8.433
Greece drachma	331.0-338.0
Hong Kong dollar	11.9548-11.9642
India rupee	48.22-49.28
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4615-0.4715
Malaysia ringgit	3.9537-3.9579
Mexico peso	4.78-4.88
New Zealand dollar	2.8455-2.8527
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7545-5.8805
Singapore dollar	2.4766-2.4798
S Africa rand (fin)	7.1063-7.1982
S Africa rand (com)	4.9051-4.9107
U A E dirham	5.6355-5.7595

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4718-1.4729
Austria	11.19-11.21
Belgium (Com)	32.69-32.73
Canada	1.2695-1.2700
Denmark	5.298-5.308
France	5.373-5.378
Germany	1.591-1.592
Hong Kong	7.7228-7.7238
Ireland	1.5255-1.5275
Italy	1457.0-1458.0
Japan	107.20-107.25
Malaysia	2.5541-2.5551
Netherlands	1.7860-1.7875
Norway	6.7525-6.7625
Portugal	153.25-153.45
Singapore	1.5999-1.6009
Spain	125.0-125.2
Sweden	7.167-7.177
Switzerland	1.424-1.425

MONEY MARKET RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6½ Low 6 Week fixed: 5⅞
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅞; 3 mth 5⅞. Sell: 2 mth 5¾; 3 mth: 5¾.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	
Interbank:	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	6-5⅞

Overnight: open 6, close 6¼.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5[illegible]	n/a	5[illegible]	5⅞	5[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	5[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	3.10-3.07	n/a	3.21-3.18	3.33-3.30	3.64-3.61
Building Society CDs:	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	5[illegible]

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: May 28, 1993. Agreed rates June 23, 1993 to July 25, 1993. Schemes II & III: 7.30%. Reference rate May 1, 1993 to May 28, 1993. Scheme IV & V: 6.039%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	8-7⅞	7[illegible]	7[illegible]	7[illegible]	8⅛-7⅞
French Franc:	8⅛-7⅞	8⅛-7⅞	7[illegible]	7[illegible]	8⅛-7⅞
Swiss Franc:	5⅛-5	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	5-4⅞	5⅛-4⅞
Yen:	3⅛-3	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $368.80-369.20 Close: $369.20-369.70 High: $370.25-370.75
Low: $365.75-366.25 Krugerrand: $368.00-370.00 (£238.00-240.00)
Sovereigns: Old $87.50-90.50 (£54.50-56.50) New $87.50-90.50 (£54.50-56.50)
Platinum: $382.00 (£246.75) Silver: $4.43 (£2.86) Palladium: $121.85 (£78.70)

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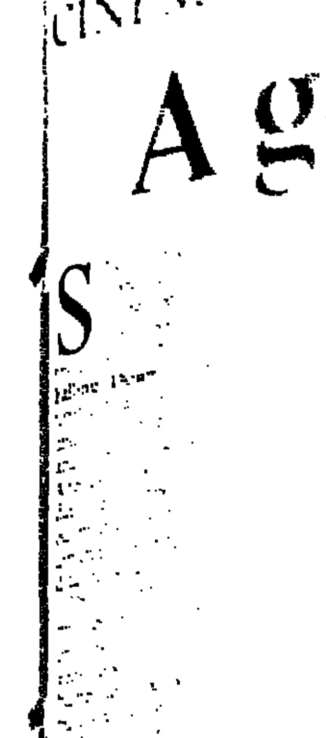
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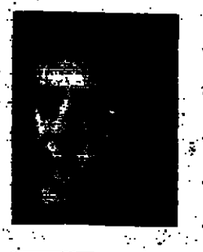

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Lou Reed, firmly in control when the Velvet Underground played in Edinburgh on Tuesday

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Prolific choreographer Glen Tetley is in London with a new work for the first time in ten years

CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** reviews *Falling Down*, an exercise in irony that went badly wrong

A good guy driven to the bad

Short prickly hair, terrible specs, sweat on the brow, three pens in the shirt breastpocket: this is our first glimpse of Michael Douglas in **Falling Down**. Enraged by the terrible heat, the jammed freeway and his own private demons, he abandons his car and crosses Los Angeles on foot to reach his young daughter's birthday party. Numerous media reports by reporters and armchair sociologists have already detailed what follows.

This former bastion of white middle-class America, identified only by his car numberplate D-Fens, goes on the rampage. He bashes and peppers citizens with bullets as he confronts the reality of LA life, from Korean convenience stores and paltry hamburgers to drive-by shootings and manicured golf greens. "I'm the bad guy? How did that happen?" he asks, bemused, cornered at the end by Robert Duvall's detective. Contrary to the film-makers' expectations, many American audiences considered D-Fens a hero, and cheered whenever he let fly without thought to race, creed or colour.

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Falling Down was supposedly planned as a concerned, liberal movie which would hold up a cracked mirror to urban reality and view its vigilante with irony. The blueprint was there in Ebbe Roe Smith's script. It tackles a combustible social topic; it is cleverly constructed, and makes something substantial from the hoary cliché of the cop on his last case, hours away from retirement. But the film's potential is quickly squandered by that old Hollywood vice: overkill.

What price irony when you assign such a project to Joel Schumacher, director of *Flatliners* and *Dying Young*? His idea of subtlety is an enormous close-up of a fly enjoying the sweat on Douglas's neck. And Douglas himself must carry some blame: given his star-sized, high-pitched performance, D-Fens was doomed to degenerate before long into just another movie psycho, loose on the streets.

So at the end of the day, what does *Falling Down* provide? Some barbed entertainment, to be sure: and a degree of artistry in Andrzej Bartkowiak's sun-scorched camerawork. But overkill wins, and you leave with the angry feeling that the film has irritated society's sores to no good purpose.

If a film's value lay solely in its images, then Vincent Ward's **Map of the Human Heart** would be treasure indeed. Time and again the New Zealand director of *Vigil* and *The Navigator* casts a visual spell as the story criss-crosses years, continents and cultures and the characters embark on their existential journey of discovery.

Avik, a half-caste Inuit boy, bounces on a trampoline in the Arctic wastes as an RAF plane hoves into view. During the second world war, two naked figures make love on a barrage balloon above English greenery. Several scenes later, Dresden is firebombed, swallowed up into yellow clouds: a spectacle of frightening beauty and power.

But audiences need more than a string of pearls to pull them through an ambitious film such as *Map of the Human Heart*. All Ward offers is a patchy plot clogged with contrivances. Up pops the old romantic triangle. In one corner stands Avik, the Innuit, increasingly adrift from his native culture; in another looms Walter, the paternalistic pilot who lures him into the RAF. In the third is Albertine, half Cree Indian and Avik's dream girl. They may serve as symbols in the film's muddled debate on life, love and cultural identity, but they fail as characters we care about.

For his globe-trotting production, Ward gathers a multi-national cast including Patrick Bergin as Walter, Anne Parillaud as the adult Albertine, and, briefly, Jeanne Moreau. But whoever the actors, they play second fiddle to the wonders of ice and fire caught by Edouard Serra's camera and the garbled thoughts inside Vincent Ward's head.

Faults acknowledged, *Map of the Human Heart* at least transports the viewer somewhere fresh, away from the urban hell. So does **Wide Sargasso Sea**, a jungle of a film choked with lush Jamaican scenery, voodoo rites, and enough sexual sparks to generate power for the National Grid.

Many film-makers and writers have retired defeated from attempts to handle Jean Rhys's last novel. Australian producer Jan Sharp pressed on, carving what probably seemed a workable script from the pages of heightened prose that describe the early history of the first Mrs Rochester, the mad Creole woman who is locked in an attic in *Jane Eyre*.

But on screen the results are unwieldy, top-heavy with exotic, even lurid, atmosphere. The director John Duigan is master of youthful Australiana (he made *The Year my Voice Broke* and *Flirting*), but no expert on period melodrama. Early scenes prove so abrupt, and the Caribbean colour so thickly applied, that the viewer must fight to find any story at all.

Eventually the film buckles down to the see-saw relationship between Karina Lombard's Antoinette, the white West Indian sugar heiress, and her buttoned-up English husband Edward Rochester (Nathaniel Parker). With both performers, looks matter more than acting talent.

This is a heady brew: a Caribbean cocktail of sex and madness, spiked with Geoff Burton's luminous camerawork and Stewart Copeland's brooding music. If you want an overstuffed, titillating romp, roll up and enjoy. But if you want Rhys's powerful portrait of a suffering heroine marooned by circumstance, you must stick to the novel.

Next, we are whisked to the dustiest corner of Spain, where a sextet of characters tread back and forth along the highway separating a whorehouse, an underwear factory and a ham repository. This is the world of **Jamón, Jamón**, though its Catalan writer-director Bigas Lunas would have us see a satirical fable about Spain itself in their to-ings and fro-ings.

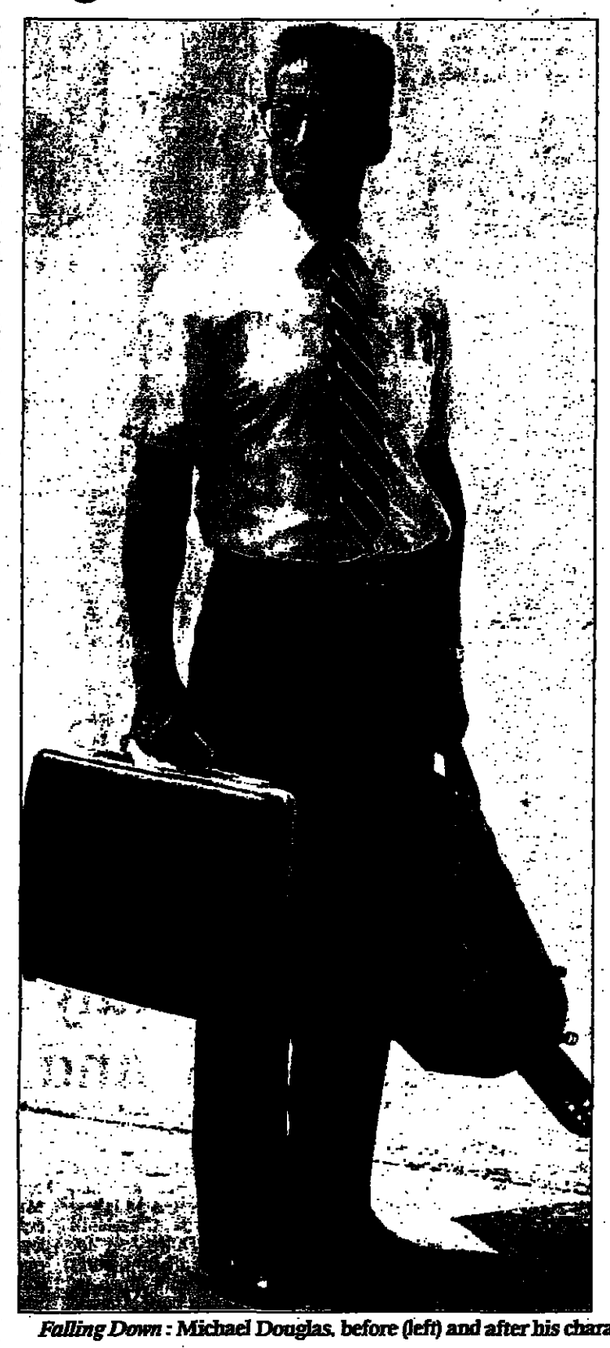
Will Silvia, the whore's daughter, marry José Luis, pampered son of the underwear boss? Can the sexual torpedo Raúl explode the alliance, or will Conchita, Jose's mother, claim him for her own? It takes a juvenile mind to care either way, or to enjoy the japes about sex, food and machismo. This is kindergarten Buñuel, and as dull to watch as a manila envelope.

Frauds, by contrast, is bright as a paintbox. Reds, blues and yellows squawk from the screen, increasing in intensity as this lumbering Australian oddity moves towards its goal of slapstick fantasy. The plot concerns a nasty couple blackmailed by a malicious imp of an insurance investigator (an eye-rolling Phil Collins). The finale takes place in his fun-palace home, decked out with chutes, flashing lights and circus colours.

Stephan Elliott, the writer-director, pre-planned his feature debut to the nth degree. Every set and camera angle is self-consciously designed. Along the way, though, all life has been snuffed out. Bereft of real wit or characters worth delineating, *Frauds* is a film to ogle at, coldly.

Luckily, cinema's past can always give comfort. For one showing, this Sunday only, Victor Sjöström's silent marvel **The Wind** roars into the Camden Parkway, London, complete with Carl Davis's vivid score and Lillian Gish's remarkable performance as the innocent girl lost in a desert town (see the feature, below).

No television screening can match the impact of a live presentation. Nor can television measure up to the 70mm films presented for three weeks at the Odeon Marble Arch. The selection may not stretch far: the oldest films are 1980's **Heaven's Gate** and **Altered States**. But there are maddeningly few chances to see a spectacular such as **The Right Stuff** with perfect sound and vision. Go; rediscover the dream palace.



Falling Down: Michael Douglas, before (left) and after his character D-Fens takes on contemporary Los Angeles single-handed

TELEVISION

Memory mixture

Neither of their principals being available for interview, two all-our-yesterdays programmes last night made a virtue of necessity and talked to the peripheral characters instead, asking "So what was it like from where you were standing?" and splicing together the replies. *Timewatch*'s programme about capital punishment, **On Behalf of the State** (BBC 2), featured personal sidelines reminiscences of a gruelling but necessary ceremony from a bygone era; while **The Coronation: As If It Were Yesterday** (BBC 1) funnily enough did precisely the same thing.

Given that hanging is a somewhat emotive issue, it was surprising to find a rather muted treatment in *Timewatch*. While each witness — "The Prison Chaplain", "The Executioner", "The Defence Barrister" (unnamed until the end) — soberly recollected his own long-ago participation in the countdown to the gallows, the programme did not concentrate one's mind wonderfully, as it ought.

The main problem was that, in common with the still-living participants featured in the programme ("The Judge", "The Prison Doctor"), the hanged man too was treated as a generic entity, rather than as a particular person. This abstract approach meant that the programme could focus properly on the process of judicial execution; but the penalty was that it was hard for the viewer to appreciate that the gallows had really broken the neck of a living person.

On a lighter note, *The Coronation* gave plenty of opportunity to see what a condemned person looks like. By which I mean the Queen. "The beginning of a life sentence" was how an ex-footman described the event, and from the monarch's youthful expression in the Coronation footage, it certainly seems likely that she had the same penal analogy in mind. "Cheer up, it might never happen," one felt tempted to say heartily, before stopping to consider that crikey, perhaps it already has.

It was the boozing that interested me. So many of the best anecdotes concerned surreptitious eating and drinking during the ceremony, that one started to imagine the whole event smelling like a beer-tent-cum-hotdog-stand. James Wilkinson (now the BBC's science man, but in 1953 a Westminster chorister) bore witness to the empty gin and brandy miniatures left behind by the Abbey congregation; meanwhile choristers stuffed apple cores into the hollow scaffold poles, and Maids of Honour, falling exhausted into coaches, scoffed Mars bars in the back seats.

Having always admired the joke that goes, Judge: "Occupation?" Defendant: "Coronation programme-seller", I had hoped to see some Cockney wide boys on the list, but you can't have everything. In the meantime, though, one question bothers me. Whatever happened to the ermine business after the Coronation? After such a run on resources, the bottom must have fallen out of the market.

LYNNE TRUSS

Wordless but also eloquent

David Robinson on the background to a silent movie being screened this Sunday

The Wind: Lillian Gish as Letty. Coerced into a frigid marriage, she kills an attempted rapist

When Lillian Gish died in February, she was mostly recalled as a last link with incredibly far-off eras of stage and film. Already in 1902 she was a full-time professional actress of five years old. She starred in her first film in 1912 and her last, *The Whales of August*, in 1987.

This longevity tended to obscure the fact that she was also one of the great actresses of the century. When she appeared in *The Wind* in 1927, Stanislavski's partner in the Moscow Art Theatre, Nemirovitch-Danchenko, wrote to her, "A combination of the greatest sincerity, brilliance and unvarying charm places you in the small circle of the first tragediennes of the world." There is a rare chance to see her on Sunday, when *The Wind* will be presented with live orchestral accompaniment in a special memorial tribute at the Camden Parkway cinema in north London. This is the first time for ten years that Carl Davis's score has been performed in London. The show will be introduced by Lindsay Anderson, Lillian Gish's last director.

The Wind was directed by Victor Sjöström, who was later to be Ingmar Bergman's artistic inspiration — a commanding actor as well as a director. Having put Swedish cinema on the map with a series of epic films, in 1923 Sjöström was lured to Hollywood by MGM, who renamed him "Seastrom".

Gish, then MGM's biggest star, discovered an instant artistic empathy with Sjöström. Together they filmed Nathaniel Hawthorne's *The Scarlet Letter*, then Gish seized upon *The Wind*, a novel by Dorothy Scarborough.

The story cast Lillian as Letty, a gently raised Southern girl forced by family circumstances to move to Texas and a god-forsaken desert constantly tormented by raging winds. She is coerced into a frigid marriage, and kills an attempted rapist. To the film-makers' chagrin, MGM forced a happy ending on them — a belated rapprochement between the married couple. With hindsight the decision seems justifiable. Though it works in the novel, the original ending, with the deranged Letty vanishing into the sandstorm, might have been intolerably painful on screen.

Shooting took place in the Mojave desert, with temperatures of 120 degrees. Once out of the camera, the film had to be packed in ice to prevent the emulsion melting. Eight wind machines blasted the sand at the players, who were unprotected while the technicians wore hoods, goggles and protective creams. "I was burnt and in danger of having my eyes put out," recalled Gish, who not so long before had almost died from cold on the ice floes of D.W. Griffith's *Way Down East*. "My hair was burnt by the hot sun and nearly ruined by the sulphur smoke and sand ... one of my worst experiences in film-making".

The result, however, is today reckoned one of the highest achievements of silent film craft and acting. Here is a medium which is totally expressive, without any need of words. "In silent films", said Gish, "we had to discover a universal language, an Esperanto that could make our acting comprehensible to the different temperaments and styles of every race."

An unchallenged classic today, *The Wind* was a disaster on its original release. The sound film had arrived, and overnight a silent film had became something archaic and obsolete.

Moreover MGM had lost interest in Gish, with the excitement of an exotic new star, Greta Garbo. Irving Thalberg, MGM's head of production, offered Gish a last chance to update her image: "Let me arrange a scandal for you." Gish declined. "All my life I had been taught to keep my name clean ... My answer was a decisive No."

So MGM let Gish go: and *The Wind* was sacrificed along with her. Sjöström went on to direct Garbo in *The Divine Woman*, but soon returned to Sweden. If at the time they were understandably bitter about the fate of their film, 65 years later it stands as a majestic memorial to two great artists.

● The Wind *will be shown at the Camden Parkway Cinema (071- 267 7034) on Sunday at 3.30pm. Please note that the scheduled 7.30pm showing has been cancelled.*

These you have loved and you will again?

ARTS BRIEFING

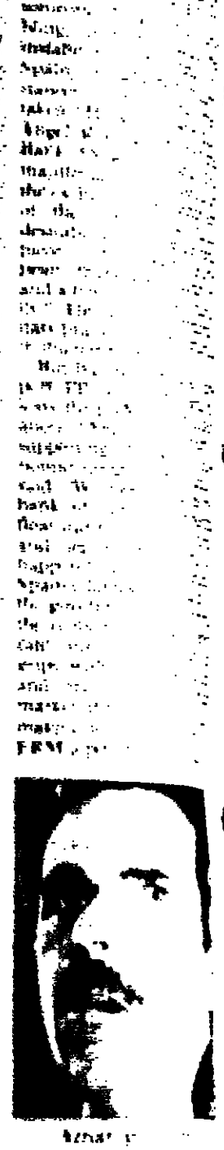
IS THERE no end to Hollywood remakes? Having just served up a third version of *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*, director Abel Ferrara is now plotting a remake of Kurosawa's 1961 Samurai classic *Yojimbo*, the film that inspired *A Fistful of Dollars*. Another 1950s science-fiction classic, *Forbidden Planet*, is undergoing transformation into a lavish special-effects bonanza at the hands of director Irvin Kershner, who did the honours on *The Empire Strikes Back*.

Lower down the scale, ten cult American directors are to be let loose on remakes of bottom-budget drive-in fare from the Fifties. Quentin Tarantino, director of *Reservoir Dogs*, has been assigned *Rock All Night* (two killers terrorise a rock 'n' roll hang-out), while John Milius will set the dust flying in *Motorcycle Gang*. Other fragrant titles in the package include *The Cool and the Crazy*, *Reform School Girl* and *Shake, Rattle and Rock*.

● DIRECTOR Arthur Penn may have begun his film career in a blaze of glory, but there have been few recent achievements to match *The Left-Handed Gun*, *Bonnie and Clyde* or *Little Big Man*. His next project, however, may mark an upturn: he is to direct George Orwell's *Burmese Days*, as adapted by Hugh Stoddart. Matthew Modine and Helena Bonham-Carter have already been cast, and shooting will begin in Malaysia in September. Whatever happens, the film must be better than the director's last, a spin-off vehicle for two television magicians called *Penn & Teller Get Killed*.

Last chance ...

IT IS not widely realised that every year the Victoria and Albert Museum makes extensive additions of very recent work to its collections, including, importantly, the photographic. "African Themes", on view at the V&A (071-938 8500) until Sunday, turns the spotlight on photographs or photograph-based art by three artists, all acquired in 1991 and 1992. David Goldblatt, one of South Africa's most respected photo-reporters, gave 110 prints to the museum, a selection of which is central to the show. Murial Sulter is represented by *Zabat*, a set of nine tributes to black women and their creativity, identifying its subjects with the Muses of classical antiquity. Faisal Ammar Abdu'allah is, like Sulter, British of African descent, and his *Thalatha Haqq* uses varied self-portraits silk-screened on to the surfaces of three glass pyramids. As advanced and politically correct a show as even the most avant-garde venue could currently offer.



ISS expects profits rise after US acquisition

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

LONDON

ART IN THE CITY. A sculpture trail links 14 public sites in the City of London, beginning and ending at the Barbican Centre. A number of works will be created on site, others may become permanent parts of the city landscape. Among the more impressive will no doubt be the giant head breaking through the pavement of Paternoster Square, by Clark-MacGregor, and the flock of wire sheep, by Sophie Ryder, grazing in Finsbury Circus.
Barbican Centre, EC2 (information 071-588 9023), today to July 25.

THOMAS GAMBIER PARRY. Parry (1816-88) was early among British collectors (and indeed collectors in general) to start seriously collecting Italian Primitives. He bought his first 15th-century painting in 1849, and during the next 15 years amassed an impressive selection of paintings, ivories and enamels. This show gives a picture of him as a collector, but concentrates more on his own work as a watercolourist, antiquarian and inventor.
Courtauld Institute Galleries, Somerset House, The Strand, WC2 (071-873 2526). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, opens today to Sept 1.

GAVIN BRYARS ENSEMBLE: One of the most individualistic — some might say merely eccentric — figures in contemporary British music presents a new chamber work, together with a selection of pieces from various stages of his career, among them a revised version of *Jesus' Blood Never Failed Me Yet*, one of his most celebrated works of the 1970s.

Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.45pm.

THE GARDEN VENTURE: The Royal Opera House's Garden Venture presents six new commissions from young composers, divided into two programmes, performed on alternate evenings. The results this time around are if anything even more mixed than in previous years.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (081-748 3354). Programme A: tonight, Sat, 7.45pm. Programme B: Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 2.30pm.

LEONARDO: Opening night of the musical about that pairing with Paul Collis and Jane Arden playing Leonardo and Lisa. With musical arrangements by John Cameron.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Tonight, 7pm, then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Tues, 3pm, Sat, 4.30pm.

TRANSLATIONS: Sam Mendes directs Brian Friel's play set in a *Donegal hedge-school in 1833, where* British mapmakers face the difficulties of Gaelic.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-876 1150). Previews from tonight, 8pm; opens Tues, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm.

REGIONAL

ALDERSHOT: Rod Williams's powerful *No Remission*, in which three prisoners are confined to a cell during a riot, is on a nationwide tour with a new cast.
West End Centre, Queen's Road, Aldershot (0252 330040), 8pm.

BIRMINGHAM: A lush 17-piece orchestra will be beefing up the performance of the laconic crooner and pianist **Harry Connick Jr.**
Symphony Hall, Broad Street (021-212 3333), 7.45pm.

INVERNESS: Scottish Opera does its bit for the Tchaikovsky centenary celebrations by reviving David Pountney's production of *Eugene Onegin*, a bit whiskery now but still cutting to the core of Tchaikovsky's dark and powerful tragedy.
Eden Court Theatre, Bishop's Road (0463 221718), tonight, Sat, 7.15pm.

LEEDS: Puccini's tear-jerker *La Bohème* returns to **Opera North** for the first time in five years in a new production by Phyllida Lloyd and Anthony Ward, the team responsible for the company's delightful staging of Chabrier's *L'Etoile* a year ago. Roy Laughlin conducts.
Grand Theatre, New Briggate (0532 459351), 7.15pm.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: David Calder plays Shylock in *The Merchant of Venice*, with Penny Downie as Portia. David Thacker directs.
Royal Shakespeare Theatre (0789 295623). Opens tonight, 7pm; then in repertoire with *King Lear*.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA:** Richard Johnson and Clare Higgins in a golden-hued production, directed by John Caird, that touches the mind more than the heart.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today, 2pm and 7.15pm. 195mins.

□ **THE BESHT TELLERS:** Reviving the tradition of Jewish storytelling, this travelling company offers two poignant, exhilarating tales.
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-836 2132). *Telling Tales*: Mon, Fri, 8pm, Sat, 5.45pm and 8.30pm. 120mins. *The Story of the Last of the Just*: Tues, Wed, Thurs, 8pm. 150mins.

■ **THE CHANGELING:** Michael Attenborough's vivid and lusty production from Stratford, with Cheryl Campbell and Malcolm Storry sinking into evil.
The Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today, 2pm and 7.15pm. 180mins.

□ **THE CHINESE WOLF:** Funny, fresh David Ashton play, set in a scrapyard, where quick-witted Ronan Vibert must outwit Desmond Barrit's Mr Big.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm. 150mins. Final week.

◪ **CITY OF ANGELS:** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in LA and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

■ **CRAZY FOR YOU:** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

□ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA:** Penelope Wilton the victim of unsatisfactory men in Rattigan's well-staged but so old-fashioned drama.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

◪ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON:** Blazing performance by Judi Dench in combat with Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling the themes of justice and terrible revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

◪ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST:** Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

□ **JUNO AND THE PAYCOCK:** Sound and steady production from the Gate Theatre, Dublin. Anita Reeves an admirable Juno.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

□ **THE LAST YANKEE:** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of troubled Americans.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins.

□ **MACBETH:** An idiosyncratic performance by Alan Howard in Richard Eyre's murky production.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, 2pm and 7.15pm. 140mins.

□ **ON A LEVEL:** The seven black actresses of the BiBi Crew in a sassy revue buzzing with jokes.
Theatre Royal Stratford East, Gerry Raffles Square, E15 (081-534 0310). Tues-Sat, 8pm, Sun, 7pm. 150mins.

□ **ON THE LEDGE:** Liverpudlians in trouble cling to a tower block. Alan Bleasdale angered by civic rot: best when funny.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.15pm. 120mins.

□ **ON THE PISTE:** John Godber's slight but amusing look at partner trouble in a downmarket ski resort.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

◪ **THE SHOWMAN:** Alan Bates is clever and funny as Thomas Bernhard's self-obsessed actor but the play does not mount to much.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Fri, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

□ **STUDS:** Intricate ensemble playing by Dublin's Passion Machine makes foot-stamping theatre from the antics of a hopeless soccer team.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

LONG RUNNERS: □ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ... □ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◪ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) ... □ **Cyrano de Bergerac:** Theatre Royal (071-930 8800) ... □ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) ... □ **An Ideal Husband:** Globe (071-494 5065) ... ◪ **It Runs in the Family:** Playhouse (071-839 4401) ... ◪ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◪ **Kiss Of The Spider Woman:** Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) ... ◪ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◪ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◪ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... □ **Travels With My Aunt:** Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... □ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

BAD BEHAVIOUR (15): Domestic tangles in North London. Droll improvised comedy from director Les Blair, with Stephen Rea, Sinead Cusack and Philip Jackson.
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353)

BEING AT HOME WITH CLAUDE (18): Shallow film based on Rene-Daniel Dubois's play about a rent boy's confession of murder. Jean Baudin directs Roy Dubois, Jacques Godin.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148)

♦ **COP AND A HALF** (PG): Pipsqueak kid joins Florida detective Burt Reynolds on a case. Inane action comedy, directed by Henry Winkler.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

♦ **JACK THE BEAR** (12): Danny DeVito has single-parent problems. Ugly-looking, overloaded comedy-drama with agreeable child performers. Marshall Herskovitz directs.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683)

MADAME BOVARY (PG): Claude Chabrol adapts Flaubert, annoyingly dull despite Isabelle Huppert as the bored provincial wife.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Chelsea** (071-351 3742/3743) **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

CURRENT

UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from Claude Sautet. With Daniel Auteuil, Emmanuelle Béart.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Camden Plaza** (071-485 2443) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666).

GROUNDHOG DAY (PG): Harold Ramis's marvellously fresh, humane comedy about a weatherman (Bill Murray) who always wakes up to the same day. With Andie MacDowell.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

♦ **INDECENT PROPOSAL** (15): Sex, greed and Robert Redford: a potent mixture, though Adrian Lyne's film gets sillier scene by scene. With Demi Moore, Woody Harrelson.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

MEDITERRANEO (15): Misfit soldiers forget the second world war on a Greek island outpost. Affectionate, well-acted, light as air. Director, Gabriele Salvatore.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

♦ **PASSENGER 57** (15): A psychotic terrorist hijacks a plane, but Wesley Snipes saves the day. Breezy revival of the Airport format, with Bruce Payne. Director, Kevin Hooks.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

SOMMERSBY (12): Richard Gere returns to Jodie Foster after the Civil War, but is he really her husband? Plush hokum, based on *The Return of Martin Guerre*. Director, Jon Amiel.
Empire (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

ROCK: **David Sinclair** witnesses the return of a genuinely seminal Sixties' group

AP/PETER KEMP

Like they'd never been gone? From left: John Cale, Lou Reed, Maureen Tucker and Sterling Morrison, on stage in Edinburgh on Tuesday night

A glorious past ahead of them

Velvet Underground
Edinburgh Playhouse

AFTER years of talk, the reincarnation of the Velvet Underground finally took place on an appropriately cold, rain-lashed night. The event, which was also the Velvet's first ever European show, was witnessed by a 3,100-strong crowd, a far bigger turnout that the band could have mustered in its prime. Old and young, dressed predominantly in black, they arrived clutching their £18 tickets, some pausing at the merchandising stalls where there was an opportunity to spend a further £13 on a T-shirt bearing Andy Warhol's famous banana logo.

For their part the four Velvets — Lou Reed, John Cale, Sterling Morrison and Maureen Tucker — turned back the clock with a dignified performance of dry, minimalist splendour.

A more defiantly untutored bunch of musicians it would be hard to find, but although rough around the edges, there was a strangely fragile quality to their sound, a feature which even the most ardent of their latter-day imitators have failed to replicate. Sallying forth with a jaunty "We're Gonna Have A Goodtime Together" the band sounded unbelievably innocuous, an impression due in no small part to Tucker's featherweight drumming style. But a reminder that this was the group which in the 1960s deflowered rock was not long in coming and the mood darkened as they launched into the sinister "Venus In Furs", Reed's hymn to the joys of sado-masochism. "Shiny, shiny, shiny boots of leather / Whiplash girl child in the dark" he intoned, while Cale's viola produced a bagpipe-like drone underpinned by a throbbing, funereal pulse provided by Tucker and Morrison.

Tucker, who supervised her oddly organised kit from a standing position, seemed attentive and calm while Morrison looked plain bored, whether plucking a one-note figure on bass or chopping out the lively guitar riff of "I Heard Her Call My Name". Cale, dressed like an eccentric undertaker, got to sing the late Nico's parts on "All Tomorrow's Parties" (here's where the Bryan Ferry sound came from) and a gorgeous "Femme Fatale". Cale also narrated "The Gift" — the long surreal tale which won a huge cheer when it reached its grisly dénouement.

But with his reptilian vocals and ugly guitar outbursts, Reed was undoubtedly the star of the show, and indeed master of all he surveyed. When Morrison fluffed the intro to "I'll Be Your Mirror", Reed strode across the stage towards him, glaring alarmingly. The mistake was not repeated.

Reed was, however, more indulgent of Tucker, who took the microphone to sing "Afterhours" and "I'm Sticking With You", the ritual being performed with time-honoured ineptitude.

There was no *maudlin* banter or medleys of hits, but even so the tone of the performance was decidedly nostalgic. After a lively Bo Diddley-style vamp on "Hey Mr Rain", the show built to a climax with a rapid volley of old favourites: "Sweet Jane", "White Light/White Heat", "Rock And Roll" and, after a thunderous ovation, an encore of "Waiting For My Man", the sensation of delirium tremens set to music. When they returned for a final rendition of "Heroin", the night ended not with a bang but a drone.

With dates across Europe in prospect, including shows supporting U2, the Velvet Underground are clearly in line for the kind of mainstream exposure that would have been unthinkable in their prime. This show did not produce a feeling of déjà-vu, more an impression that, after 25 years, the rest of the world has only just caught up with them.

CONCERTS: **Stephen Pettitt** on a baroque festival; and Scandinavia on the South Bank

From Italy by way of Prague and Piccadilly

THE Lufthansa Festival of Baroque Music can be reported safely airborne with Tuesday night's concert by **Musica Antiqua Praha.** This group first came to St James's, Piccadilly in 1991. How the world has changed since this admirable festival first took flight. Back in 1985 period-style performance practice was chiefly the province of the West, but nowadays, as this concert of delicious Italian obscurities proved, baroque music-making in the former Eastern bloc is well up to Western standard.

Sometimes I suspected, however, that some of their young singers were deliberately imitating leading British figures. The tenor Zdeněk Kazda, for instance, often sounded like a dead ringer for Andrew King, accent apart, with his penetrating reedy tone. But he clearly loves this music. Meanwhile the soprano Anna Hlavenková piped her boyish sounds like a Czech version of Evelyn Tubb. The mezzo Magdaléna Kozená displayed some promising, fruitier timbres that might soon find her working in baroque opera.

The music ranged from the short paragraphs of three instrumental Sonate a 6 by Antonio Bertali, music director at the Habsburg court in Vienna, to the Venetian Giovanni Rovetta's lovely, *lilting* "Beatus Vir": from the sensual harmonies of "Quam pulchra es" by Monteverdi's assistant, Alessandro Grandi, to the Milanese nun Chiara Margarita Cozzolani's sweetly expressive "O Dulcis Jesu" for two voices; and equally affecting works by Simone Vesi, Giovanni Ghizzolo, Mauritio Cazzati, *Giovanni Antonio* Rigatti and Ercole Porta.

Pavel Klikar, directing from the chamber organ, has an approach tending towards understatement and undue sobriety. Just because such music has a religious foundation does not mean that enjoying its sensual aspects is heretical.

THE last of the **Philharmonia Orchestra**'s four "Scandinavian" Festival Hall concerts on the theme last week was, at least after **Esa-Pekka Salonen**'s eloquent account of Sibelius's symphonic fantasy *Pohjola's Daughter*, an event *of outrageous excess*.

In Beethoven's Second Piano Concerto, the sight of pianist **Olli Mustonen** rolling around, shutting his eyes in pseudo-ecstasy, stretching his legs, standing up and sitting down, made Hoffnung's caricatures seem like mild exaggeration in comparison.

As for the sound, it was ugly, the phrasing and articulation perverse. Individual notes would randomly jump out and ambush the listener or disappear almost unnoticed back into the bushes. Mustonen's brittleness of touch made one suspect that the keyboard was red-hot. Nothing he did served the music's cause.

More welcome was the theatricality of Magnus Lindberg's *Kraft*, an enormous, two-movement concerto written between 1983 and 1985 for the members of Lindberg's group Toimii and a vast orchestra. Players — both soloists and orchestral — charge around so that sounds, usually loud, come at the listener from all angles. Among the instruments required for this piece are various scrapyard objects; there were concertante roles for at least two bass buckets and a treble bucket. This wonderful extravagance also demands an array of gongs spread *around the auditorium. Oh, and the* conductor has to sing.

Lindberg's preoccupation here is with sound as a force in its own right, a generator of violent or ebullient energy and drama. Instead of beguiling the ear he regales it with maximum range of pitch, dynamic and timbre. Yet every note in the vast fabric, one feels, has been carefully worked out. The Philharmonia relished the challenge.

The early evening concert consisted of two chamber works by the Danish composer Poul Ruders. Both *Nightshade* (1987) and *Corpus cum Figuris* (1984) provided evidence that his music is about setting bounds and breaking them as well as, as he puts it, establishing new continuities within a stylistic pluralism. **Stefan Asbury** conducted expert performances from the small ensembles taken from the Philharmonia's ranks.

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DANCE: a prolific choreographer returns to London; a competition concludes in Birmingham

History moves in circles

Debra Craine talks to the American choreographer Glen Tetley, back at Covent Garden after a ten-year absence

STEPHEN MARKESON

Glen Tetley: "I've always been fascinated by the fin de siècle. And here we are again in the Nineties. At the end of a century one always feels something is crumbling"

Meet Glen Tetley, the world's most travelled choreographer. No, that's not journalistic hyperbole: it's probably true. Undoubtedly, the 67-year-old American is the leading international freelance choreographer: there is hardly a major ballet company in the West he hasn't worked with. His output is prolific, with more than 70 ballets to his credit, and for the past 20 years he has been on the road making dances. Now he's back at Covent Garden for the first time in a decade.

> 'La Ronde has been hailed as Tetley's best work in years

The work that brings Tetley back to the Royal Ballet is *La Ronde*, a 50-minute one-acter based on Arthur Schnitzler's 1900 play, *Reigen*, which chronicled the hypocrisy and excesses of turn-of-the-century Vienna. Acclaimed by critics in North America following its premiere by the National Ballet of Canada, and hailed as Tetley's best work in years, *La Ronde* is already scheduled for next season at the Royal Opera House, so confident is the management of its success here in Britain.

"I've always been fascinated with Vienna and the fin de siècle," says Tetley. "And here we are again in the Nineties. At the end of a century one always feels something is crumbling away, everything is falling apart. We've seen structures fall apart, empires fall apart, and it was the same thing then — the Hapsburg empire was starting to crack. It was such a stifling regime that it seemed the only place people could go for freedom was into the arts and there was an extraordinary explosion in writing, music, philosophy. The Schnitzler play comes directly out of that."

The reason for Tetley's remarkable ubiquity is his versatility. There seems to be nothing this former medical student-turned-dancer can't turn his hand to. The results have not always been successful — too ambitious, too impenetrable on occasion — but Tetley is unique for being the first truly ambidextrous choreographer, equally at home in the modern and classical idioms.

His real pioneering work came in Europe in the Sixties, when at Netherlands Dance Theatre, Ballet Rambert in Britain and the Stuttgart Ballet he began to marry the freedom of movement in modern dance with the purity of form and physical daring of classical ballet.

Tetley the choreographer is a man of many disguises: there is the dry abstractionist, the intense mystic, the generous sensualist. *La Ronde* (set to Korngold's Sinfonietta) is a product of the latter, a ballet with no story but many dramatic characterisations.

"Vienna was a very stratified society," Tetley explains. "There was the servant class, the lower class, the middle class, the mercantile class, a mercantile Jewish class, and the nobility, and none of them interchanged socially. Schnitzler wrote this as a protest against the hypocrisy of that society which pretended that no other classes existed other than their own, but behind the closed doors they were all sleeping with each other. That was the common denominator."

In Tetley's ballet, his fifth for the Royal (the first was back in 1970), the ten linked episodes become ten linked pas de deux, in which one partner always remains on stage to form the other half of the next pas de deux. In this way, the whore and the soldier leads into the soldier and the maid, into the maid and the master, and so on. Eventually the story comes full circle.

"Schnitzler has written a play without sentiment, it's not sentimental in any way, and that's what shocked society at that time. They found it shocking that the act of intercourse was even hinted at on stage. It was a period of Johann Strauss operettas, totally pure kitsch sentiment, and that's what they thought was real art.

"When *La Ronde* was published it was banned; when Schnitzler tried to do a production of the play in Berlin the police closed it down because it was dealing with sex and with sex between the classes. It wasn't until the Sixties that the first production of *La Ronde* was able to take place."

Schnitzler, himself a medical doctor, was a friend of Freud's and shared an interest in psychology and case studies. "There is this strange mixture which runs through many things in that period of eros and thanatos, erotic attraction and death together, and which Freud brought out very strongly in his early work in psychoanalysis. Schnitzler seized on that with this idea of Reigen, which is the name of a children's game. La ronde is the French translation of it and in English we say ring around the rosy.

"All of these refer to the plague. Ring around the rosy was the shape of the plague: the bubonic pustules that formed on the body had a ring around them. So Schnitzler is a work of erotic intent but it's also a death dance."

And are there parallels with today? "It's a little simplistic but I think there's some eternal truth in what Schnitzler was saying. This curious cycle that comes at the end of a century when people start to feel what has 100 years really added up to? We're faced with another plague, a terrible plague, just as devastating, with no cure and in this case even more terrifying because it is spread through erotic content.

"It's not a work about Aids but I think it's true what Schnitzler is saying: that going out to take possession of someone just for possession is a very dangerous thing; it is self-destructive.

"In each pas de deux the two protagonists very quickly lead up to the moment. Once they have consummated it, it's instant turnoff in every situation. No matter what background they came from, or how earthy or how urgent, it's the same kind of sudden climax and decrescendo and emptiness. And what do you do? You start over again, you go on to the next one and the same thing."

● La Ronde *opens at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden (071-240 1066) tomorrow, 7.30pm.*

THEATRE: a brilliant version of Ben Jonson's bitter comedy; and a witty one-woman show

DEE CONWAY

Bernard Horsfall (Volpone) and Gerard Murphy (Mosca): Bill Alexander's staging brings Jonson's characters vividly to life

A production to treasure

Volpone
Birmingham Rep

PRODUCTIONS of Ben Jonson's plays can become endurance tests when a director finds no way of animating those speeches where action pauses and a vice, stratagem or state of mind is anatomised in detail. Not so Bill Alexander's splendidly enjoyable staging, updated to Venice in the Edwardian era. I have never before seen a production in which the grasping characters sprang so vividly to life, nor sparked such delighted laughter.

Against a curving, gleaming mural, like an Aubrey Beardsley mated with a Douanier Rousseau and coloured by Klimt, Bernard Horsfall's Volpone sprawls on a great brass bed. His chamber is dimly lit but when Gerard Murphy's Mosca flings open the yard-wide floor tiles that hide his master's treasure, a light brighter than sunshine radiates from the hoard of golden cups, plates and coins. Charles Millham's glossy Voltore stares in amazement, warms his hands in the rays.

At the end of this scene the mural is raised to reveal a dozen little tables beside a canal, and 20 supernumeraries in the roles of café habitués, with waiters to-ing and fro-ing. Above them a wooden bridge gives access to doors high up, through which the principal characters fling themselves.

Jamie Newall's demented Corvino is a great flinger of himself, jerking his head this way, that way, snapping his sentences shut as if they were money boxes. Alexander's direction of the scene in Corvino's house is a brilliant balancing act where horrible jealousy and no less horrible greed are at the same time utterly shocking and comically absurd.

Alexander's abridged version, which still plays over three hours, makes the impetus towards disaster seem slender, but this is no real sacrifice in a production that generates its own decorous pace and is packed with lively events going on in the corners of Kit Surrey's evocative sets.

Horsfall is grey-haired but in the prime of life, though opportunities for him to be truly comic only occur in the second half. Murphy's Mosca is the more interesting character. First seen gazing up at his master with the soppy look of an idiotic lover, he then retreats behind his mask of busy plotting. What goes on behind that oddly emotionless pattern of frowns and grins and urgent stares? We cannot tell until the will is signed that makes him sole heir and a contained smile of triumph is briefly visible. At the close, expression and posture show a brave weariness, a quiet dignity at recognised defeat.

Linda Spurrier's impulsive Lady Politic is excellent comedy, never grasping, metaphorically, the right end of a stick until she has poked someone's eye out. Stuart Richman is a macabre and ravening Corbaccio, and the evening as a whole is the best and surest Jonson I have ever seen.

JEREMY KINGSTON

An odd couple even by herself

Sex III
Royal Court Upstairs

CLUSTERS of party balloons and a sad, battered suitcase; a telephone and a circus trapeze: from the outset, Emily Woof's one-woman show, *Sex III*, is choc-a-bloc with odd couples. Not only does Woof's script surprisingly marry scenes of ex-pat English employees in a Spanish bar with the story of Anna Karenina: its central theme is also how lovers fail to be at one.

The very fact that Woof performs solo is cleverly exploited to suggest the unbridgable gap between the sexes. A young woman, just arrived from England to work as an entertainer in a bar, can only communicate with her boyfriend by phone, and their relationship falls apart. Meanwhile, the laddish northern waiter and this well-spoken young woman are never going to get it together: Woof plays them both, after all.

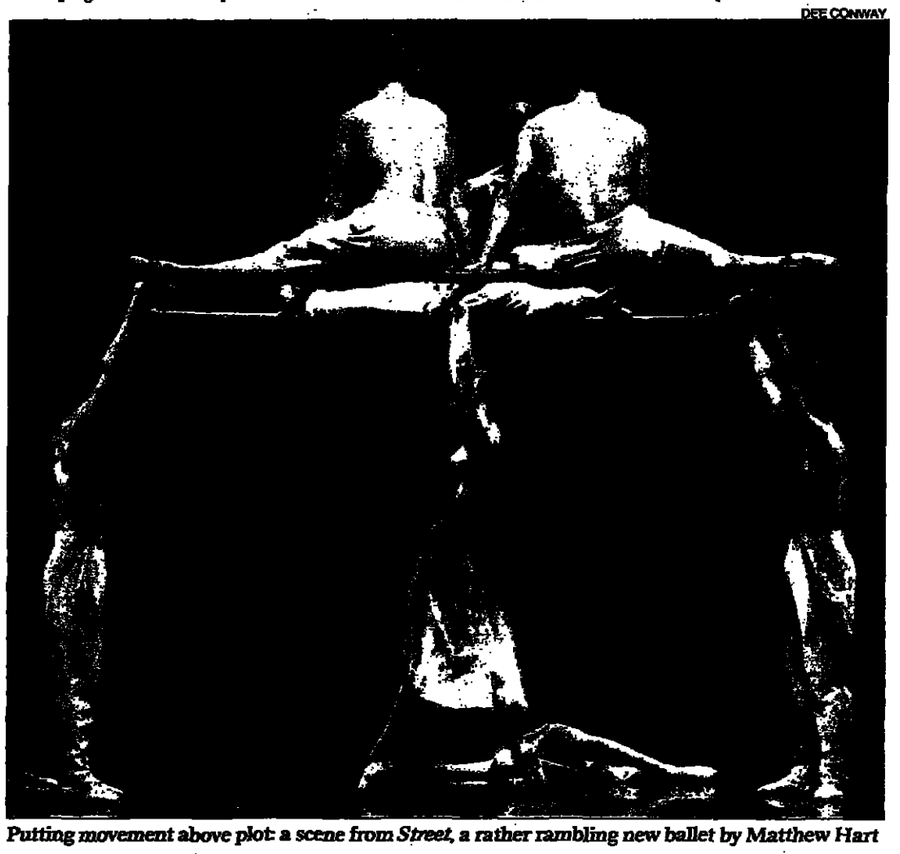
For all Woof's truly touching lament of the divided sexes, she is also concerned with union. *Sex III* offers images of an androgynous third sex. Stripped to the waist in the closing trapeze scene, Woof looks like a woman front on and a man from the back.

The show itself is a hybrid, including flamenco dance, folk song and gymnastics. It offers brilliant bizarre combinations of text and music, and of the naturalistic and the surreal (the latter including Woof playing a nasal answering machine with two fingers up her nose).

The piece is slow to take off and there are a few flat patches and dull puns, but *Sex III* is bejewelled with scintillating moments of theatrical novelty and emotional complexity. Woof, an inventive writer and a vehemently focused performer, had been due to perform *Revolver*, a new show inspired by the Beatles album of that name, for the Barclays New Stages Festival. There was a last-minute problem with the rights and the show had to be pulled. Still, with *Sex III* revived as a fill-in, who is complaining?

Sex III is a bit of a showcase for her talents, but what could be superficially tricksy is supplemented with an intelligent exploration of relationships and is invested with genuine pain. Woof has a magic wand that can turn the toad of experimental solo performance into a handsome prince.

KATE BASSETT


DEE CONWAY

Putting movement above plot: a scene from Street, a rather rambling new ballet by Matthew Hart

Beating the best

BRB
Hippodrome, Birmingham

FOUR showpiece duets in a row do not make ideal programming for a ballet performance (although the popularity of these exhibition numbers makes me wonder whether adding just one to a triple bill, as used often to be done, might not be a good marketing ploy). At Birmingham on Tuesday, they were justified as furnishing the finale of Conduct for Dance, organised by Birmingham Royal Ballet, the Covent Garden Royal Ballet and Birmingham Conservatoire.

The four conductor finalists had already proved their general musicianship; Tuesday's finale tested their grasp of the mechanics of working with dancers. Apart from Fiona Chadwick as Princess Aurora and Miyako Yoshida as Medora, the dancing was not very special, suffering in either the choreographic arrangements or the presentation. One thing this brought out was that unmusical dancers (no names, no pack drill) need good conductors even more than those who do understand and respond to the music.

Of the contestants, Michael Güttler, from Germany, had the hardest task — he was the only one not conducting Tchaikovsky. He made the music for *Corsair* sound so good that he deserved at least his third place.

I would have been hard put to it to choose between Paul Hoskins, who took second place with *The Nutcracker*, and Matthew Rowe, who came fourth with *The Sleeping Beauty*. Both, like Güttler, maintained good rhythms and sensible tempos. Barry Wordsworth, responsible for inventing and leading the competition, was right to make clear that there were no losers here, only degrees of success.

All the same, nobody seemed inclined to dispute the decision of the judges — four musicians and four ex-dancers — to give the first prize to Andrea Quinn, for her conducting of the Black Swan pas de deux. In particular, although helpful to the dancers throughout, she was surely right to set a brisk pace in the coda which compelled Darcey Bussell and Adam Cooper into far livelier dancing than they had shown earlier. A graduate of the Royal Academy of Music, she wins a fellowship at the Birmingham Conservatoire, work with both Royal Ballet companies, and I would guess the first full-time appointment of a woman to a ballet conductorship in this country.

BRB's admirable recreation of Massine's *Choreartium* (to Brahms's Fourth Symphony) ended the evening with Paul Murphy conducting the Royal Ballet Sinfonia. They had begun the evening with William Russo's "blues concerto", *Street Music*, featuring Paul Jones, harmonica, and Ross Williams, piano, as the soloists, for the premiere of Matthew Hart's *Street*.

Hart has real promise, manifested in the way he puts movement above plot, and the fact that he clearly listens to his music. But so unstructured a piece as this, rambling on without ever getting anywhere, is no way to develop it. Ballet desperately needs an equivalent of the Garden Venture. Peter Farmer's decor, with its jalousies going up and down, its swings which disappear, and its scaffold lowered in for trick effects, varied more than either the music or the choreography. Excellent dancing, though, from Monica Zamora, Evan Williams, Joseph Cipolla and Chenca Williams among others.

JOHN PERCIVAL

The hermit of Colombey returns

Alistair Horne is impressed by a new book which shows how near France was to civil war before de Gaulle took power again

DE GAULLE AND ALGERIA, 1940-1960
By Michael Kettle
Quartet, £45

As well as being appallingly bloody, costing possibly a million lives, the Algerian war was an exceedingly complex affair. There were, in effect, seven separate conflicts all going on at once. One was a fearsome civil war being waged between Algerians themselves, with many of the undertones of "ethnic cleansing" now familiar both in Bosnia and South Africa.

A second battlefield centred on the struggle between the French army in Algeria and the metropolitan government in Paris; which led to the advent of de Gaulle in 1958, and later to a full-scale revolt against him. The latter is the main theme of Michael Kettle's book, and his account of both these wars within the main war emphasises just how timely is a new account of the Algerian drama.

His benefits particularly from the recent release under the 30-year-rule of British Foreign Office papers; notably the dispatches of the British Ambassador in Paris, Sir Gladwyn Jebb (now Lord Gladwyn), and those of the British Consul-General in Algiers, R. F. G. (Rod) Sarell. Both reveal the FO to have been unusually well served; neither were available when I was writing my own book — which is one good reason why history needs to be rewritten at regular intervals.

Jebb, now infirm of body but still sprightlyminded at 93, often infuriated his colleagues by his lordliness, but the glimpses of his dispatches revealed here show him to have been perhaps the most astute ambassador we ever sent to Paris. Close to de Gaulle, Jebb, on Kettle's supposition, had a "highly placed spy" within the French government — possibly "even a French cabinet minister". He "could have the minutes of a meeting of the Council of Ministers on the ambassador's desk within 48 hours".

The identity of this agent has never been hinted at by Jebb — who remains, in the opinion of those closest to him, "maddeningly discreet". His own memoirs, written in 1972, were disappointingly bland, and Kettle's revelations make one eager for a complete publication of his dispatches.

When Jebb visited de Gaulle, then still in the wilderness, in 1957, he found him already anticipating the likelihood of independence for Algeria. After another visit in March the following year, as the Fourth Republic was crumbling, de Gaulle warned Jebb that he was the "only alternative to communism", but that he would be dead long before the collapse of the present regime. Fortunately de Gaulle was wrong; two months later he was in charge.

In May 1958, when France stood on the abyss after the army had seized power in Algiers, one

The Jebb family leaves for Paris in 1954

sees now from the Jebb papers how much closer civil war was even than any of us realised at the time. There is former premier Guy Mollet, the soundest of the Socialist *galère*, warning Jebb of a Franco-style coup, and ending on a "sinister *note*" — *with a hint that he might* soon be seeking asylum in Britain.

In May 1958, the French communists looked powerful and dangerous. But, as the Jebb papers reveal, it was the disastrous vacillations of the socialists — coupled with the name of François Mitterrand — that most nearly opened the *floodgates of civil war. Accurately*, Jebb predicted, in those frightening May days before de Gaulle would let himself be coaxed out of Colombey-les-Deux-Eglises, that he was "going to sit in his tent until and unless an appeal is made more or less on his own terms".

An important ingredient of *De Gaulle and Algeria* is also Kettle's own diaries, kept while a foreign correspondent in the 1960s. They help valuably to refresh the mind as to how it really was. His descriptions of the tension in May 1958, both in Algiers and Paris, are full of vivid colour of the moment, and admirably complement what Jebb *was telling the FO. His account of* de Gaulle's first visit to Algiers in June, and the delphic "*je vous ai compris*" speech, is excellent; while he closes with a striking reportage of the barricades of January 1960.

Equally interesting are the highly sensitive reports, published here for the first time, of Rod Sarell, the British consul in Algeria. With great fidelity, Sarell describes the failure of the French battle for the Muslim mind, the unreliability and high rate of desertion in many of the French army units, and — above all — the intolerable burden of the war on the Algerian population, caught in the middle of a vicious civil war.

What he could not know was just how ruthlessly the Algerian FLN was all along dedicated to winning the war without compromise — which alone would destroy all de Gaulle's hopes of saving *something for France*, and the *pieds noirs*, out of the wreckage. But what he did see (which, for once, Jebb did not) was that the French army would revolt, as it did in April 1961, if de Gaulle offered the FLN "self-determination".

It was surely this revolt by the "*quarteron des généraux*", as he so contemptuously dismissed them, that finally wrecked de Gaulle's last hopes for his Algeria policy, and it is therefore surprising that Kettle chose to end his book in January 1960. A pity, also, that he should not have published his excellent diaries *nearer the time; it would* be churlish to say that they read better than his rather dry interconnecting historical text. Sometimes the various ingredients seem to sit a little jaggedly in the framework of the whole, and a reader unfamiliar with the story could not be blamed for occasionally losing his way. The *overall result, however, is eminently* worthwhile.

Alistair Horne's many books include A Savage War of Peace: Algeria 1954-1962. *His memoir* A Bundle from Britain *is published later this month by Macmillan.*

De Gaulle at Colombey-les-Deux-Eglises, his self-imposed exile, shown here in 1958 leaving for Paris to resume office as premier

How Maggie was Ronnified

Charles Powell

A VIEW FROM THE WINGS
West End, West Coast, Westminster
By Ronald Millar
Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £18.99

Up until the interval, this book is about Ronnie Millar's distinguished career in the theatre as actor and playwright. Act II shifts the focus to his time as speechwriter to three prime ministers; Edward Heath, Margaret Thatcher and John Major. *The message is clear. The* dividing line between politics and theatre is a very thin one, thinner than politicians at any rate would care to admit. If all the world's a stage, then most politicians are ham actors sorely in need of a coach. And, in Millar, three prime ministers got one of the best.

This is a gentle and affectionate book, mirroring the man and showing that it is possible to write a book about two of the bitchiest professions in the world — acting and politics — without being bitchy about anyone.

Millar's greatest talent, as befits a playwright and actor, is in the use of language. His remarkable ear for dialogue comes through very strongly in these memoirs: indeed much of them takes the form of dialogue. His rendering of Denis's interrogation of Mrs T about the origins and contents of his luncheon omelette is the best of British farce. It also confirms one of my own pet theories: that the true author of the "Dear Bill" letters in *Private Eye* may have been Denis himself. I once asked MI5 to check it out, but they said they were too busy bugging the royals (a joke).

Innumerable civil service and political office speech drafts were given the Ronnie treatment and vastly improved. What went in to him reading like a sub-clause from the Leasehold Reform Act came out as a tumbling brook of clarity. He understood that the best way to improve a speech is to cut it; also that there comes a time in the life of any speech when, if you go on working, it gets worse, not better.

Millar's other great contribution to Mrs Thatcher's speeches was the light touch. Indeed, he is to speechwriting what Ivor Novello and Noël Coward were to drama.

Attempts to insert jokes in Thatcher speeches were regarded as balefully as holidays in August. Strangely the book omits one of the best examples. Peter Jay had recently compared his father-in-law James Callaghan to Moses leading his people out of captivity and into the promised land. Millar and Chris Patten slipped a nice retort into Mrs Thatcher's party conference speech: "My advice to Moses is: keep on taking the tablets." Mrs T was ill at ease with this sally from the start, but somehow it survived right down to the final read-through. Just when all seemed in order, she had a brainwave: "Why don't we say instead: '... and my advice to Moses is: keep on taking the pills'?"

The book also shows an intimate understanding of two crucial factors. First the importance to a successful leader of the ability to get *the message over. Good ideas are* not enough: they have to be made attractive and easy to understand. The catch-phrase which catches on is the holy grail which speech writers most ardently seek, and Millar was better than most at finding it. Secondly, he understood the *total* effect of a speech: the language, the mood, the occasion. *His insistence on short staccato* sentences helped to build up Mrs Thatcher's image of authority and leadership.

Millar's secret weapon was to read the speeches aloud to the lady so that she would *get* the rhythm, the timing and the cadences. I offer one piece of hitherto unpublished dialogue which sums up his contribution:

Mrs T: "Ronnie, dear, is it freedom with peace and justice or justice with peace and freedom?"

RM: "Neither, dear, it has to be peace with freedom and justice."

Mrs T: "Of course, dear [beaming at attendant civil servants]: Ronnie's *always* right."

In short, he did for Mrs Thatcher what Peggy Noonan did for Reagan and Bush. Rather than a dull old knighthood, perhaps the true reward for Ronniefication — the technique he applied to speeches — should have been beatification. *Then we really would have got* the view from the wings.

Investing in Africans

Ian McIntyre

TINY ROWLAND
A Rebel Tycoon
By Tom Bower
Heinemann, £16.99

Most librarians will assign this book to biography, but a case could be made *for putting it under drama.* Much of it reads like a Jacobean revenge tragedy transposed into the idiom of soap opera. A tragedy of revenge is typically set in a court riddled with vice, intrigue, bribery, dissimulation and procurement. There is a good deal of carnage and the action is punctuated by scenes of real or feigned insanity.

As in soap operas, the *dramatis personae* often include a bastard or two. In the one-dimensional world of soap, this is usually a matter of character or behaviour, and is signalled by lines like: "He's a right bastard, is X." Bower is clear that his hero qualifies in this reduced modern sense, but also shows awareness of the conventions of the older genre by touching — inconclusively — on his legitimacy.

Central to the plot of the classical revenge tragedy, however, is the main character's quest for vengeance, and Bower adopts this device in his very first sentence: "Rebellion and revenge percolated *the character of Roland Fuhrhop* from the day of his birth."

This took place in 1917 at a detention centre in Simla where, as German citizens, his parents had been interned. Five years at a *gymnasium* in Hamburg was followed by four terms at Churchers College in Hampshire. He shone at boxing and putting the shot, but could respond to anti-German taunts by jumping to attention and shouting "Heil Hitler".

The family did not have a good war. An elder brother had been drafted into the German army. Roland Walter Rowland, as he became by deed poll a month after hostilities began, was conscripted *into the army medical corps. His* parents were once again interned, this time on the Isle of Man. Rowland went AWOL to visit them and ended up in Glasgow's Barlinnie prison. He was discharged from the army in 1942 and detained under Regulation 18B. No great mystery about what fuelled the imperfectly concealed *rage of the succeeding half-century.*

For most of that time, his Lonrho shareholders loved him. The smooth Anderson and Sheppard suitings and the constant suntan were part of the charm, and so was the preposterously bogus accent.

Rowland: revenger's tragedy

He went down big in Africa, too. Sir Roy Welensky called him "the best thing to happen to Rhodesia since Cecil Rhodes". Black nationalist leaders were unaccustomed to white men who lent them private jets and called them "Sir". Bower indicates that the famous caressing manner was susceptible of modulation: "If you think that I like sitting on the *couch with Banda close up to me,* spitting as he talks, you must be mad," Rowland told a crony. "But it's business."

There is not much that is new in this book about how that business was conducted. Few companies have had their linen taken so frequently as Lonrho to the launderettes of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and the DTI, and Bower draws heavily on their many reports to tell his tale. He also tells us, unsurprisingly, that his manuscript "required the careful attention of a lawyer".

It is a weakness of the book that so few of those he spoke to agreed to be identified; this inevitably detracts from its authority, even if it is eloquent of how Rowland is regarded by those who worked for him. He surrounded himself with a pretty tatterdemalion crew. He appears to have an especial weakness for Old Etonians, although privately holding them in as much contempt as he does everybody else: "I cleaned the pants off Ogilvy," he told an American associate. "I had him eating out of my hands."

When the Wind of Change began to blow through Africa and many Europeans were being trampled in the rush to get out, Rowland surveyed the continent with the hard eye of a commodity dealer: *"Africa is down, it can only go up."* Convinced that the newly independent Zambia would expropriate the mineral rights of the British South Africa Company, he coolly proposed to Kenneth Kaunda that Lonrho take over the assets of the company and manage them jointly with the new government.

He presented himself, with the straightest of faces, as an idealist who shared the vision of Africa's new black leaders. Critics believed he saw the continent only as a vast milch cow; that it was Lonrho policy severely to limit investment into Africa but ensure the remittance of maximum dividends in hard currencies from Africa to London. It was a formula which called for considerable skill in avoiding African exchange controls. Bribery? "Tiny doesn't pay bribes," said one of his managers. "He invests in people."

Proud Rose, sad Rose of all my days!

Sue Gee

MALINA
By Penny Perrick
Sinclair-Stevenson, £14.99

There was Tara, in *Gone With the Wind*, there was Manderley in *Rebecca*. In both literary and romantic fiction there have been many since, not a few in Ireland, and now in Penny Perrick's first novel, there is another: Malina, eponymous Big House, "a place by water" set in the watery landscape of Connemara.

Harriet, who is a kind of Rebecca *in reverse, is the first wife of Charles* Trewin, he of the leonine locks, broken nose and amber eyes. In 1865, he brought her, his English bride, to live by the lake in the house he had built for her. Having done so, he proceeded to torment her to death. Du Maurier created a meekly devoted second wife haunted by the beauty and vivacity of the first. Here, lively young Rose, a local horse breeder's daughter, falls for Charles and is overshadowed by Harriet's sad, broken spirit.

"I can't be gentle with you," Charles tells Rose on their Paris honeymoon. "Your combative grey eyes make me fierce." At first, Rose is swept away by his fierceness; but things go downhill with the death of Parnell, when Charles confines her to the study to read the papers. "You crushed him to death," he scrawls in the margin, to the editor of the *Irish Independent*. "You netted his soul and kept it from *flight*."

The way Charles goes on does not improve with age, when rage is apt to stiffen his silver hair, and turn his golden eyes to flint.

Rose, "unhusbanded in all but name", is eventually saved from her loveless marriage by a lanky American called Paedar Griffin. His eyes are not amber, but tend to smoke over with rapt dreaminess. Years pass. There follow rapturous meetings, the discovery of Rose's gift as a Republican songwriter, the first world war and the Easter Rising, for who could resist it?

This is a richly researched story *set in landscape which the author* has clearly found inspirational. What it lacks is real narrative drive and tension and, surprisingly, emotional engagement. We observe suffering, rather than share it.

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Master fantasist of power

Peter Ackroyd on two new biographies of a fashionable French philosopher, whose sorties into the homosexual demi-monde fuelled his books on sex and punishment

JACQUES HAILLOT

Foucault: his death from Aids in 1984 has placed his philosophical work in a new, more lurid light

A plausible case can be made for taking Michel Foucault to be a characteristically French phenomenon. For someone so concerned with the taxonomy of knowledge into which human beings are (as it were) inserted, there would be a pleasing irony in relegating him to type — as an example of the *savant* who, like Voltaire or Sartre, develops a fine literary persona while at the same time engaged in contemporaneous political debate. In the present climate of philosophical studies it is inevitable that his own style is as perplexing as it is ingenious, but it still might be assumed that he was a traditional *philosophe*.

THE LIVES OF MICHEL FOUCAULT
By David Macey
Hutchinson, £20

THE PASSION OF MICHEL FOUCAULT
By James Miller
HarperCollins, £18

But neither Macey nor Miller chooses that easy course: these biographies explore a more equivocal and, in certain respects, more unhappy figure. If Foucault is a *philosophe* he is, to mix the idioms of the 18th and 19th centuries, also a *philosophe maudit*.

He is not an easy man to find, as the title of Macey's study suggests. He tried consistently to deny or to eschew his personality with a variety of teasing narcissistic escape routes, although Miller reveals that, towards the end of his life, he confessed that his theoretical work was based upon "elements from my experience". The simple facts of the case are available in both biographies: he was an industrious and ambitious child, but even then his scholarship was tinged with a somewhat caustic humour. As soon as he was enrolled in the Ecole Normale Supérieure, of course, he entered the particularly bracing climate of French intellectual life in which the paramount aim is *briller* (to shine), the verb itself suggesting the clarity and lucidity of the French intellectual tradition.

The trajectory of Foucault's enthusiasms, from Hegel to Nietzsche, is charted by both biographers. It is not a necessary or even predictable development, and testifies to Foucault's mental acrobatics, as well as to his more orthodox devotion to philosophical texts. "Libraries," as Macey suggests, "were to become Foucault's natural habitat." It could be argued that part of his comprehensiveness and range lay simply in his ability to regurgitate other books. Perhaps that is why he remained, for most of his life, an academic attached to one institution or another. With his shaved skull, white roll-neck sweater and rimless glasses he might resemble a latter-day Nosferatu; but in temperament he was closer to the spirit of a medieval monk.

His first book (which, typically, he later disowned) was *Maladie mentale*, which can be best viewed as the seed of his more renowned *Histoire de la folie* in which madness is discussed as a cultural representation or production. It was published in 1961, and from that time Foucault became a member of what can legitimately be called the French intellectual establishment. There is something to be said for such a hierarchy. It is often claimed that in England there are no intellectuals, but this is because the tradition of intellectual enquiry has never been given the public sanction and authority which it enjoys in France. In this country we pay too much attention to fiction, and not enough to writing.

Not all French intellectuals are impressive, of course, but there is something unnervingly brilliant about Foucault's intellectual manoeuvres. His ambition was, in Macey's words, to provide "a general corpus or encyclopaedia of all the techniques of interpretation that have ever been used in Western cultures", an aspiration which he pursued in *Les Mots et les Choses* as well as in *L'Archéologie du savoir*. His style is more difficult to describe, but in its languorous precision it is as if Heidegger had been translated by Walter Pater. He probably would not have appreciated the comparison with the English writer, but there is no doubt that the aesthetic appeal of Foucault's writing is an intrinsic element of its popularity.

But Foucault was a man of various selves, and in these accounts we come across a man who had an affair with a transvestite in Hamburg, who was blackmailed by a Polish boyfriend and who, most significantly, was attracted to various sado-masochistic rituals. No doubt it is a tribute to his protean nature that both books have various but complementary strengths.

Miller is better on his last days, Macey upon his early years; Miller is more interesting about Foucault's time in America, where Macey concentrates upon his life in Europe. Macey is more illuminating about Foucault's philosophical consciousness, where Miller is the best exponent of Foucault's sexuality. Macey describes how Foucault extended the philosophical tradition with his extensive taxonomy of formal power relationships, whereas, characteristically, Miller is intent upon examining the nature of Foucault's attraction to power in the first place.

His is, in that sense, a more troubling narrative because it tends to emphasise Foucault's absorption in pain. There must be some connection between the man who wrote *Surveiller et punir* and the writer who engaged in sado-masochistic activities; there must also be at least a loose association between the man obsessed with prisons and the writer who indulged in homoerotic fantasies. It is also interesting that the philosopher who so ferociously "deconstructed" medicine and the culture of hospitals had a surgeon for a father. And could it not be suggested that Foucault's need to master and to control the language of an entire culture was part of his need for dominance on a more private level?

Both of these biographies, and all the other lives of Foucault, extend the parameters of sexual debate as much as they refine our sense of contemporary French culture.

Portmanteau literary lady

Nigella Lawson

WHAT HENRY JAMES KNEW
And Other Essays on Writers
By Cynthia Ozick
Jonathan Cape, £12.99

The news is not good: the essay form is dead. Or, if not quite that, dying and left for dead — abandoned by an age given over to soundbites and "the essay's flashy successor — the article, or [with what venom Cynthia Ozick chooses her word] — 'piece'." The news, then, is not all that new. We have heard these moans before, from both sides of the Atlantic: ten-minute culture, three-minute culture, the philistine populism of a degenerate age. If Cynthia Ozick's laments are even sourer than we have been accustomed to hearing from this — geographically speaking — side of the debate, it may be partly because she, an American, is bitterly mindful of her own country's position in the lusty vanguard of this retrograde movement. It is the demise of American letters that fuels her flame.

Unfortunately, nothing represents the demise of American letters more clearly than Cynthia Ozick herself. In the golden age from which she feels herself, spiritually at least, to have sprung, she would have been squashed underfoot. Edmund Wilson, Clement Greenberg she ain't. But these days she is what passes for an intellectual.

In America, she is well-known, highly regarded, and her writing is heavily imbued with an awareness of this. Over here, where ignorance of her work would be admitted to unblushingly by all but a few of the literary establishment, her habit of drawing attention to herself is more immediately jarring. For all her protestations, Ozick's cute, self-regarding phrase-making belongs to the magazine culture of personalised intellectual endeavour she so disparages.

"Between the last paragraph and this one," she thinks to inform us, "I took a quick trip to Paris. This is not the sort of thing a hermitlike scribbler usually does; generally it is a little daunting for me to walk the three short blocks to Main Street." Elsewhere she muses: "Spooky thought: if not for the Czar of all the Russias, and if not for mad King George III, and if not for their anachronistic confluence, I would not now be, as I am, on my knees before the English poets." A fellow-essayist is described as being "my daughter's age exactly". At times her self-consciousness becomes indistinguishable from self-congratulation. "Time at length becomes justice," she begins her essay on Truman Capote. "A useful if obscure-sounding literary aphorism, just this moment coined."

It is a strange thing that while, in her novels, Cynthia Ozick is a most cerebral writer — cerebral in the sense of being interested in ideas and thought, or in what she feels is the specifically Jewish quest for same — in her essays, she is, for all her posturings, decidedly unintellectual. She does not analyse, she gushes. She inhabits not a critical landscape but a sensual one. Her writing is lush, wordy, undisciplined; her subjects are engulfed, not illuminated, by her enthusiasms. In a short space, it is pointedly impossible to provide the illustrative quote.

At times this sensuality is put to good use. With her novelist's eye, Ozick can point up a scene, depict the moment, the setting: Henry James's sister's sickroom, with its chandelier "sprouting fat globes"; the preserved snapshots of Bloomsbury life, leaking "so much tension, so much ambition, so much fake casualness, so much heartbreaking attention to the momentariness of the moment".

At other times, and often, Ozick is guilty simply of fevered overwriting. "If other American lives," she writes of Edith Wharton, "less free than hers, drift less luckily between the Scylla and Charybdis of obligation and crisis, hers drifted in a setting all horizon, in a perpetual non-circumstance clear of external necessity."

On the nature and nobility of Jewishness, Ozick is much, and famously, exercised. Prejudice and sloppy thought feed off one another and she blithely demonstrates both. Her essay "Mrs Virginia Woolf" (which should more appropriately be headed Mr Virginia Woolf) deals at length with Leonard Woolf's Jewishness and what Ozick sees as his denial of it. She voices astonishment that Woolf thought nothing of travelling to Germany in the 1930s, of how dangerous it could have been for him. She's

Cynthia Ozick: lush sensuality

Jewish, so that's allowed. But the fact that Quentin Bell registers the same surprise she judges anti-Semitic: perhaps, she hints, "he is not quite so persuaded of the Englishness of Leonard Woolf as is Leonard Woolf".

Elsewhere her zealous pro-Jewish stand leads her to conclude, in a discussion of Malamud's fictional battle between Jew and black, that "it is no failing, it is the best achievement of the novel, that Willie, its black militant, is a stereotype devoid of any easy humanity."

Elswhere, Ozick can be charged, contrariwise, with telling too much of the story. Her essays sparkle only for the reader who knows nothing, has read nothing. In this, too, she belongs to the age she despises. Her essay on T. S. Eliot, for example, draws heavily on Peter Ackroyd's biography (she has the grace to acknowledge this towards the end of her piece). Though this is no sin, it does mean that readers already acquainted with Ackroyd may feel that they are being offered nothing more inspiring than Ozick's digest.

Sex, lies and thinking of England

Are the British as timid or frigid in bed as our critics say? Well, even pets find us frustrating says **Fiona Pitt-Kethley**

Théodore Gericault, *The Embrace*, c. 1817: this drawing from the Louvre is taken from *The Art of Arousal* by Dr Ruth Westheimer (Abbeville/Grantham, £22.95). It is contemporary with Gericault's affair with his married aunt, by whom he conceived a child

John Maynard's ***Victorian Discourses on Sexuality and Religion*** (Cambridge, £40) is not a book for the general reader. It examines the attitudes on sexuality and religion of four writers: Arthur Hugh Clough, Charles Kingsley, Coventry Patmore and Thomas Hardy. For an academic engaged on research on any of these authors, this work would probably prove invaluable — the research is extremely thorough — but Maynard's style is decidedly heavy.

A great many other Victorian writers, probably more than half of them, also dealt with sex and religion. A more entertaining book might have been made by including shorter studies of a much wider selection of them, both male and female. Clough and Patmore are not merely minor poets, but also extremely boring ones. It is nearly impossible to be entertaining while analysing the life and writings of a bore.

The section on Kingsley is by far the most interesting one. Reading *The Water Babies* will never be the same again. Kingsley is a near perfect example of Victorian Christian man — uxorious on one hand, bent as a corkscrew on the other. His idea of a good night out seemed to be lying naked on a bed of thorns while scourging himself.

Maynard has drawn on much more explicit material in this chapter — a diary, letters and erotic drawings. Kingsley was rather a good draughtsman. A section of his sketches, executed as a present for his wife, are included. These show a decidedly sado-masochistic bent — pictures of himself and wife tied to a cross having sex and so on. Fortunately, Mrs Kingsley's tastes were compatible. It was a long and happy marriage. Clough and Patmore were cold fish in comparison.

Paul Ferris's ***Sex and the British: A Twentieth Century History*** (Michael Joseph, £18.99) is a much more enjoyable romp through British attitudes. By the turn of the century, religious and sexual yearnings were not usually mixed, except in the odd limerick:

There was a young lady so wild
Who kept herself pure,
undefiled.
By thinking of Jesus,
Venereal diseases,
And the danger of having a child.

Early in the century, prostitutes propositioned clients by saying: "Where shall we have tea?" These days they use far more direct words. There has been a change also in the status of masturbation. Originally, it was widely condemned, even by D. H. Lawrence — a little unfair, considering how much his books were used as aids for it before pin-up magazines became available.

There is a great deal of detail on various censorship trials, including the famous one about Lady Chatterley. I found it both surprising and reassuring to learn of the common sense of juries. Again and again, where ordinary men and women were left to judge, literature was passed as acceptable. Publishers, writers and book-sellers had more to fear from police raids. Stock could be taken away and destroyed without any form of trial. Sometimes shopkeepers hit back with humour. One shop in Liverpool placed a notice: "We are sorry if your favourite magazine is not available but the police like them so much they have taken lots of them away to read."

Sex and the British is thoroughly researched and based in the main on books and other forms of written evidence. In ***It Ser Since the Sixties*** (Secker & Warburg, £17.99), Jonathon Green has tried to convey a picture of attitudes across the last 30 years or so by using a totally different method, the recorded interview. Any journalist who compiles a book in this manner runs into problems. One of these is how to punctuate and edit the recorded interview. In Jonathon Green's case, the answer is badly. There are many sentences without verbs and a great deal of the punctuation is decidedly odd.

His interviewees have a wide range of opinions. Graham Webster-Gardiner tells us: "Crèches are an abomination... That's child-abuse in my view." Bona fide child-abuse seems pretty common if we are to believe Ellen Severin: "I think most people have had sex with some member of their family at some point." If she's right, I must be abnormal.

Those who work within the sex industry seem to be the most lucid talkers. With some of the "ordinary people" there is a kind of embarrassment that gets in the way of what they are trying to say. At least one of them is undoubtedly a liar — a fact Jonathon Green does not seem to have spotted. It is a sure sign that a man is being a bit creative when he includes something anatomically impossible in his account of his adventures. Only a fantasy figure like Eskimo Nell would have a passage long enough to accommodate the whole of a fourteen-inch cucumber.

There are some good lines tucked away in the book: "I'd never be tied up with anyone on the first date" (Guy Salmon), or those of the suitably-named Hugh Pratt: "Look at the *Radio Times* and see how often it mentions sex." I'll have to start buying it again.

If you have ever had your leg rogered by a neighbour's pooch, then you'll find you are in good company in Peter Neville's ***Pet Sex*** (Sidgwick & Jackson, £9.99 paperback original). As a vet, Peter Neville seems to have specialised in animals' psychosexual problems. The dogs in his pages are a motley crew — a Doberman with four testicles plus an assortment of Rottweilers, spaniels *et al* who flash at visitors and mount everything from toy bikes to vicars.

The worst examples of pets' perversions are saved for the last chapter, like Mao the Siamese cat who has a penchant for eating condoms, either on or off his owner. Bad as these animals are, they are decidedly less strange than humans. None of Peter Neville's patients, at any rate, got a high out of seizing the microphone and telling his all to a journalist.

Leaving a leaning tower of ivory

Anne McElvoy

THE MAN IN THE TOWER
By Michael Krüger
Translated by Leslie Willson
Quartet, £13.95

A world-weary artist is struggling to preserve his creativity in a milieu where art is about status rather than aesthetics. Have him retreat to a tower in rural France to explore his inner life, and add excursions into Dante and Oblomov, and you might well conclude that this is the sort of pretentious intellectual whinge-turned-novel that you could well do without. But the second novel of Michael Krüger, editor of the Munich literary magazine *Akzente*, manages to pack all of this and the suggestion of a detective novel into 150 beautifully written pages of elevated, streamlined and often very funny prose.

The artist finds his Beatrice sitting on a bar-stool, but times have changed and she is "wispy, somewhat embittered, anything but beautiful. . .with her big vindictive nose". Nevertheless she claims his soul and embroils him in a murder plot, forcing him to flee both his literal and his ivory tower and begin to paint again.

The author prizes the seriousness of art and the quest for its place in our civilisation; but he also weaves a delightful satire on the modern German obsession with artistic acquisition. Beatrice notes damningly that her companion paints "for living-room walls". He corrects her bitterly: a worse fate yet awaits the successful artist. His work is represented in the collection of a well-to-do friend; but "represented was the correct word, for once when I visited him unannounced, they were not hanging on the walls".

Krüger's prose courses along the paths of art, literature, attraction, habit and meaning with barely a hiccup and he has a poised control of rhythm, texture and semantic shifts, fluently translated here. Reading him was an encouraging reminder of the small but perfectly-formed talents in contemporary German writing. With his pared-down, linear form and elegant classical style, Krüger is a kinsman of Christoph Meckel and Bodo Kirchhoff, both undeservedly ignored in Britain.

The humour is at its mordant best in the dissection of what it is like to be a German in France. I never did accept the dictatorship of the bottle bank in West Germany, but even my unecological heart ached for the protagonist setting off in search of the elusive receptacle, ending up so infuriated by the indignities meted out to him by the weather, the locals and the remains of the wine that he tosses the bottles out of the window into a ditch.

Outside the tower, history flows on: the East German revolution is under way and the painter glimpses his homeland through piles of discarded newspapers and women's magazines from which the dreaded anorexic countesses gaze out, announcing that they love art — and parties, riding motorcycles and pine trees. Can he go on like this? It is worth reading *The Man in The Tower* to find out.

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Help with a long-term view

Widget Finn explains the work of a charity backing needy communities in far-off countries

Booked in: children learning to read in an ActionAid school in India. The charity regards the community's strength as a key to children's welfare

"We'll provide the action," says Baba Aygiba, the chief of Sapeliga, a village in northern Ghana, "and you provide the aid."

Baba Aygiba has gone into partnership with the UK charity, ActionAid, setting up low-interest seed loans for villagers to break the cycle of poor harvests and hunger. With the help of ActionAid fieldworkers, he hopes his people will increase their crops and, eventually, use their skills to restore the health clinic and school.

In Ecuador 85 per cent of children die before they are five. Miriam, aged six, who lives with her parents in Miguel del Prado, a village in the Andes, has already beaten that statistic. Since she is attending a nursery school, she presumably will also contribute to the figure of 80 per cent female literacy in her country.

Miriam's future, and that of her family and community, is infinitely more hopeful because of the work of ActionAid. Emma Ginn, a product manager from Sussex, who sponsors Miriam and her community by making a regular donation, receives regular school reports and drawings from "her" child.

Last year she visited Miriam's family. It was impressive, says Ms Ginn, to find that local people themselves were working on solutions to their problems, and to see how the whole village will benefit from projects to provide clean water and medical facilities. Miriam, she says "is bright and beautiful".

ActionAid, the fourth-largest aid agency in the UK, was set up 21 years ago based on an innovative concept of sponsoring individual children in Third World countries. The charity is moving away from that direct link, but Martin Griffiths, its director, still places a high value on the human scale of its activities.

"It is the action of communities which can alter the circumstances of everyone in those communities — including the children," Mr Griffiths says.

The agency runs projects in 19 countries, in India, Africa and South America, setting up long-term programmes of education, clean water, agriculture, health and income generation, depending on local communities' priorities. "Our role as a development agency is to listen to the concerns of the local people and match them with our experience before we act," Mr Griffiths says. "Many of our fieldworkers come from those communities and understand the problems first hand." The key element of ActionAid's income is sponsorship by individuals, which contributes nearly half of the annual total of £30 million. People undertake to donate £15 a month to support a Third World community, with a child from that community as the focal point. ActionAid's ability to undertake long-term projects depends on the commitment of its 140,000 sponsors.

The average sponsor stays with ActionAid for about ten years. This loyalty has meant that the level of income has been maintained, despite hard times and the threat of "compassion fatigue", says Marion Taylor, the charity's fundraising director. "People feel that helping young people is an investment in the future."

The close ties which ActionAid maintains with its supporters provides an instant response to appeals for money or practical help.

In 1992, the agency approached its regular sponsors who gave a total of £1.4 million for the Africa in Crisis appeal, while 28,000 sponsors have agreed to do house-to-house collections to reach this year's ActionAid week target of £1.2 million.

Apart from the sponsorship scheme, donations, government grants for emergency and regular projects, and a small profit from the trading operations provide the majority of ActionAid's income. Ms Taylor's department is developing corporate fundraising schemes, including a project with Barclays Bank to support ActionAid's work in ten African countries.

The agency has 260 staff in the UK and 3,000, most of them local people, working on ActionAid programmes. Administrative costs are about 15 per cent — within the limit of acceptability set by the Charity Commissioners.

"Unusually among British overseas charities, ActionAid spends a much higher proportion of funds on long-term development than on relief, which involves greater administration costs," Mr Griffiths says. "If our costs were low, I would be concerned that we weren't being sufficiently professional."

From small beginnings

ActionAid projects make every effort to encourage self reliance

Achiya has set up her husband, Ayub Ali, in business with a rickshaw through a loan from ActionAid. He was a farmer in the Jamalpur area of Bangladesh until he lost all his farm through land erosion. For 25 years the familyhas lived, with other landless people, on the embankment of the Jamuna river.

Four years ago, Achiya heard about the ActionAid *shomitis* — groups of landless women who meet weekly and contribute whatever they can afford, a handful of rice or a couple of rupees, to a savings pool which serves as a credit fund. Each month one person can take out a loan, and when these are repaid and income increases, members are encouraged to set up much-needed services, such as primary schools, adult literacy classes and health education programmes.

Achiya saved regularly until she could take out a loan for 400 taka (about £8) to buy a goat. With the profit from the sales of its offspring, and a further loan, she persuaded her husband to make an offer for an elderly rickshaw. Now he is in business, making about 70 taka a day, and Achiya is using more savings from her ActionAid account to plant six banana trees and sow some quick-growing spinach on the embankment.

ActionAid's programmes encourage self reliance, showing that people can create their own resources when they work together. Deborah Ewing, editor of ActionAid's publication, *Common Cause*, has seen for herself the remarkable effect which *shomitis* have on the status of women in Bangladeshi communities.

"These women have no assets and aren't considered credit-worthy," Ms Ewing says. "Yet, through the *shomiti*, they are able to save and take out loans to set up a small business. They provide an income for the family and are seen as having a value."

ActionAid was set up to focus on long-term development, but, says Jim Henry, director of the agency's emergency unit, it has become increasingly difficult to ignore the needs of people in crisis.

"ActionAid doesn't have the resources to work like other aid agencies, so we concentrate on disaster mitigation. Our knowledge of what's going on in the communities where we work means that we can act before the situation becomes a crisis.

"We would regard having to provide food aid as a failure because so much else should have been done before food aid becomes necessary."

Emergency relief is far more costly than development, and will use an increasing proportion of ActionAid's funds. However, Mr Henry says, it is not a distraction from the charity's main task, but a necessary response to a crisis in people's lives.

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At hand: long-term aid in Ghana

Bringing the rest of the world a step closer

A child's play in Chembakolli, a village in southern India, was brought to life for the pupils at Ainthorpe Primary School in Hull when their class based a school assembly on the ActionAid geography pack about the small community. *Widget Finn writes.*

The children were amazed to learn that people in other parts of the world have to walk for miles to fetch water, says Pamela Craven, a teacher, and that many children cannot go to school because they care for younger sisters and brothers.

The pack, which contains large photographs, booklets and activity sheets, forms part of ActionAid's growing involvement in education.

The introduction of the new GCSE examination system gave the agency an opportunity to produce inexpensive teaching materials which would be designed for the syllabus.

By 1992, 40 per cent of schools and colleges teaching GCSE and more than half the primary schools in the country were using ActionAid teaching packs. It is important, says Sue Gyde, education officer for ActionAid, that the packs are not only bought, but also used effectively. Materials are backed up by a programme of teacher training.

The first national curriculum pack, about Chembakolli, won a Geography Association Award for its contribution to teaching, and has been turned into a book. Ms Gyde, who acted as consultant for a BBC education series on Pakistan, is keen to produce multimedia packages for schools. A video about handicraft producers in Kenya is intended for a new market for ActionAid — business studies.

Two years ago, ActionAid extended its education work by producing a magazine for young people, *Going Global*, which takes a lively look at development and environment issues.

Although many issues are examined in the education packs, school still want to hear about ActionAid's approach to development. The agency has set up a national network of visiting teachers who go to 40 schools each month to talk about its projects.

Although ActionAid makes a small charge for education materials — national curriculum packs are £10 — this does not cover its costs. Supporting the education unit is part of the ActionAid commitment to advocacy work but, Ms Gyde says, the government should recognise the amount of support which ActionAid and other agencies are giving to the education sector in providing products and services.

"Much of our material," she says, "is designed to give all children, including those with special needs, access to the curriculum. In effect, we are subsidising the state education system by producing appropriate materials at low prices."

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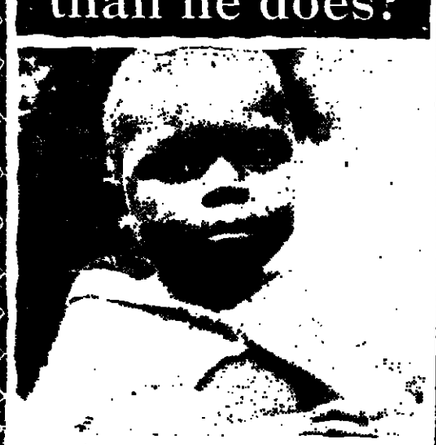

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Tutors with revolution in mind

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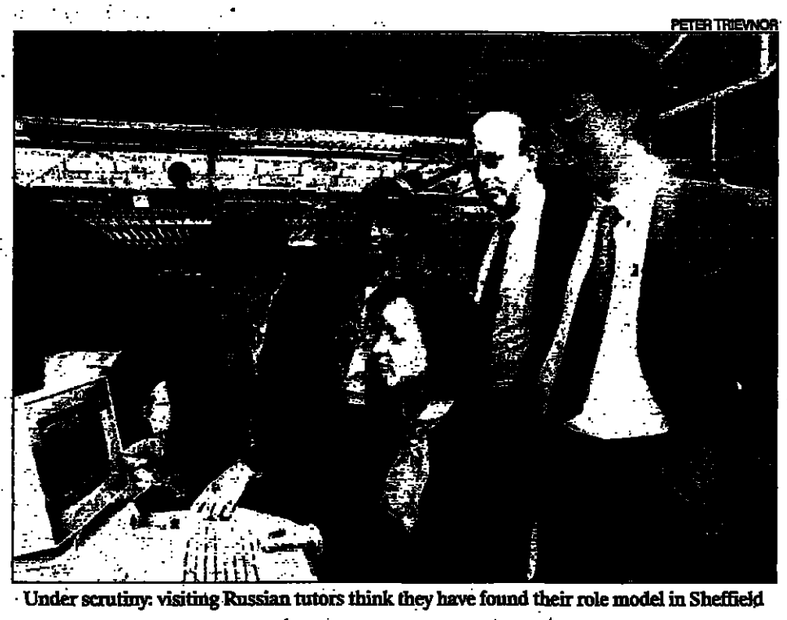

Under scrutiny: visiting Russian tutors think they have found their role model in Sheffield

RUSSIA'S economy may be floundering, but there is nothing that a dose of Yorkshire pragmatism can't sort out. A group of Russian accountancy tutors visiting Britain for the past two months believe they have discovered the model for the next Russian revolution. It's called Sheffield.

Inspired by the transformation of the local Don Valley and the consumer wonderland of the Meadowhall shopping centre, the accountants, who stayed in Britain under the auspices of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants, are lyrical in their description of Sheffield in springtime. The beauty of the municipal parks, the warmth of the people and the merry Yorkshire sense of humour (as yet undiscovered by this correspondent) all won praise.

Citizens of the erstwhile socialist republic of South Yorkshire may find nothing surprising in being named as the model for the transformation of a run-down communist economy into a capitalist promised land. Spicier food for thought was the striking gap between the role of accountants in Russia and Britain. If Russian economic reforms were to work, said the visitors, their profession needed changing beyond recognition. Vladimir Barilenko, of the Saratov Economic Institute, said: "Most accountants in Russia are little more than book-keepers." The common image of accountants, he said, is of balding, paunchy, worn-out middle-aged men who sit hunched over moulding ledgers concocting figures to pull the wool over the eyes of the authorities (so what's new?).

Igor Maslennikov, who teaches accountancy at the Moscow State University, said: "If you can't do anything else in life, then you become an accountant." The idea that such people should take strategic control over the direction of newly independent companies was laughable. All this must change. Creating a core of well-educated, able accountants is seen as critical to the transformation of Russia both socially and industrially. If that could be accomplished, then a rise in social status for accountants would follow. The main purpose of the trip was for the Russians to investigate British techniques for teaching accountancy skills. Attachments to Sheffield Hallam University and Farnborough College of Technology had left them impressed by the range of teaching methods used by their British opposite numbers. Natalia Shegolkova, from the Moscow Biotechnological Academy, said: "You don't have just the traditional lecture, as in Russia, but group projects, seminars, and your teachers encourage the students to think for themselves."

The challenge facing the tutors returning home this week is how to impart an entrepreneurial attitude to their students. As a symbol of the changes taking place in Russia, the country's accountancy standards are being rewritten by the Ministry of Finance. Encouraging accountants to take more responsibility for their decisions and to accept greater risks in their business activities and careers may be harder than amending accountancy rules.

Alexander Semyanovski, of Moscow State University, said: "The biggest change for me personally, having come on this trip to Britain, is that I feel more free. But this change in philosophy is complicated. Although we now have greater freedom, the thing always on my mind is how to make more money. In the old days I didn't used to worry about it."

The most likely immediate outcome of the visit is that new teaching methods and courses will be introduced, specifically in western accounting conventions. But with Russian inflation through the roof, the problems are likely to be on a scale that even the staff of Sheffield Hallam University might find baffling.

Apart from business, what surprised the Russians most? "We had expected the British to be formal and remote," said Natalia Fyodorova of the Kosfroma Technological Institute, "but everyone has been very friendly and kind to us. But the weather! We couldn't believe it was so changeable". Oh well, quiet flows the Don, as they say in Sheffield.

Salvation may lurk across the Channel

OBSERVERS of the profession eagerly await publication of the annual results of the top 20 accounting firms next week. The firms' managing partners and chairmen probably take a different view. In particular, the sector made up of medium-sized firms will be worried. The view that they have all the overheads of the large firms but not enough of the muscle may be confirmed. The results may presage further disastrous amalgamations.

Weathering the first recession ever to hit professional firms hard has been difficult, to say the least. Next week's figures, in any case, will probably be somewhat economical with the truth. Unlike the results of their clients, they are not independently audited. They are the main fee income figures, loosely restated to a common year-end for all the firms.

Even with that proviso, it will be hard for those firms that have had a terrible time to avoid revealing some sign of it. The difficulty the medium-sized firms in particular face is that their lifeblood of the future has had the hardest time in the recession. Companies which would be starting to show signs of real growth, the sort which medium-sized firms can genuinely help and encourage much better than the large firms, have at best remained at the starting line. Traditional areas of business, like family firms, owner-managed businesses and start-ups, have been struggling simply to survive. Their growth has been retarded, and so has that of their advisers. It is unfortunate that recession hit at exactly the point where the medium-sized firms were starting to make inroads into the larger firms' business. Large client companies that had started to despair of impersonal and erratic service from the big firms had started to move to smaller firms of advisers. Equally, in some areas specialist partners within the top firms were finding that ethical guidelines were being bent alarmingly for large clients or large banking interests. A steady trickle of specialist partners have made their way to smaller firms where conflicts of interest are less likely.

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All these factors had brought the possibility of a resurgence of the medium-sized accounting firm. But as the recession has broadened and tightened, much of the potential change has been squeezed out. Suddenly, medium-sized accountants with weaker or less enlightened managements found themselves with cold feet. Partners who months before had voted for bold initiatives were starting to worry about that most traditional issue over growth in such firms — who would be funding their pensions in the future?

The picture is not entirely bleak. It is simply blighted by all the old failings of accountants as managers and strategists of their own firms. Some have invested well in niche markets. Some followed the strategies which their market research pointed them towards. Others put in more effort across the Channel, some even as far as eastern Europe.

A good example of this sort of initiative emerged a couple of weeks ago: the first of a projected series of annual European business surveys produced and published by Grant Thornton. Once upon a time, Grant Thornton was characterised as having more branches than any other accounting firm. The firm realised a long time ago that having disparate branches from Ecclefechan to Looe might look fine on a letterhead but did little for business, and it looks very different now.

The survey of 4,700 small and medium-sized enterprises across Europe is particularly interesting on the problem of late payment, language abilities and cross-border activities, now that borders are supposed to have gone. Naturally, it takes longest to get paid in Italy. Across most payment periods UK firms were being paid more promptly than the European Community average. And the Germans were the most promptly paid of all. Measuring the proportion of companies having at least one executive who could negotiate in another language, however, British clichés start to come through. Companies in Belgium, the Netherlands and Greece all scored 90 per cent or more, with the UK at 38 per cent. Only Ireland scored worse. Companies in Spain, France and Luxembourg are most likely to have taken steps to expand into the single market. Those in the UK, Greece, Portugal and Ireland had made the least effort.

A burgeoning small and medium-sized business market elsewhere in the EC could be good news for small and medium-sized accounting firms in the UK. If the market here is going nowhere, perhaps they should be looking abroad for expansion. Traditionally, accounting firms that have not followed their markets have vanished in mergers. Perhaps a few more may be tempted to look across the Channel.

The author is Associate Editor of Accountancy Age.

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Small change

LONDON chartered accountants want legislation forcing debtors to pay on time with penalties and fines if they do not, a survey into the problems of late payment has found. The conclusions will not, however, please the small business lobby, which sees itself as the victim of late-paying big companies. A poll by the London Society found that small companies are the worst offenders when it comes to paying bills on time. Firms with public sector clients found that in 40 per cent of cases, government departments were slower payers than private sector clients. "The excuses our members are given for slow payment are mind-boggling," says Malcolm Bacchus, chairman designate of the London Society. "They would be very entertaining if they did not conceal something much more sinister."

Getting it wrong

RESHUFFLES are there to make us look silly. The latest *In Business* briefing for chartered accountants in business is headed "Getting it right" but features a photograph of Norman Lamont captioned "improved prospects". Or maybe *In Business* knows more about the ex-Chancellor's future in civvy street than it is letting on.

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Sampras has no answer to power of Bruguera

FROM STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN PARIS

BEFORE the rains came, a wild wind whirled around Roland Garros yesterday and blew the men's top seed out of the French Open tennis championships. Pete Sampras, officially the best player in the world, was beaten by Sergi Bruguera 6-3, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4 in a turbulent quarter-final lasting two hours and 32 minutes.

Sampras, seen occasionally looking up to the billowing clouds after being forced to interrupt his service routine, partly blamed the conditions. "They were tough," he said. "The wind was going around in circles and the clay came right off the court in a blinding, red spray."

Although he was less than courteous to the umpire as he left in a fit of pique, he was at least later gracious to his opponent. Bruguera, he feels, is playing well enough not only to stay in the tournament until the weekend but also to complete it as the champion.

"In the first set and a half, I didn't know what to do because, when I served and volleyed, I was just getting passed." From 3-3, continually left floundering in midcourt by a series of flashing forehands, he lost six successive games. Drastic measures were required.

Aware that the Spanish clay-court specialist would control every prolonged exchange from the baseline, Sampras chose to soften his serve so he could reach the net befoe being stranded.

The ploy was such a success that he took six of the next seven games and with them the second set.

Bruguera, the only man not to have conceded a set here, responded instantly and forcefully. Within 22 startling minutes, he had retaken the lead and was on his way to successive victories over Sampras in a fortnight. Representing Spain in the World Team Cup, in Düsseldorf, Bruguera had beaten the American in straight sets.

Sampras, though, ultimately contributed to his own defeat here. After disputing a couple of calls on the same point, he petulantly threw away the ninth game of the fourth set.

Bruguera has eliminated several crowd favourites. He opened by knocking out Henri Leconte, went on to humiliate another Frenchman, Thierry Champion, 6-0, 6-0, 6-0, and earlier in the week, he ruthlessly wiped away the last drop of romance by dismissing a Brazilian qualifier, Fernando Meligeni.

Sampras is sure to retain his No 1 ranking at Wimbledon and will probably also be the top seed there, though not necessarily so. Unlike any other tournament, a seeding committee considers the relevant qualities of the main competitors on grass rather than their official standings on other surfaces before announcing its decision.

After more than three hours, and two interruptions, one because of bad light and the other because of rain, Richard Krajicek won the right to play the second seed and favourite.

Claps of thunder reverberated around the centre court as Krajicek, at 6ft 5in, and Karel Novacek, two inches shorter, blasted through a delayed fifth set. The twelfth seed, from Holland, took it 6-4 to beat the thirteenth seed, from the Czech Republic.

RESULTS: Men's singles: Quarter-finals: S Bruguera (Sp) bt P Sampras (US), 6-3, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4; R Krajicek (Hol) bt K Novacek (Cz), 3-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. Women's doubles: Quarter-finals: A Coetzer (SA) and I Gorrochategui (Arg) bt C Martinez (Sp) and A Sánchez Vicario (Sp), 7-6, 3-6, 7-5. Mixed doubles: Quarter-finals: E Mancikova (Rus) and A Olhovskiy (Rus) bt J Hetherington (Can) and P Haarhuis (Holl), 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.

Best shot: Bruguera in determined mood during his victory over Sampras

Top seeds firmly on course

STEFFI Graf and Arantxa Sánchez Vicario should today reach their intended destiny, the women's final (Stuart Jones writes). Many an eyebrow would be raised if the top two seeds, both of whom have yet to drop a set here, endure any anxiety in their semi-finals.

Graf, the champion in 1988, plays Anke Huber, the 18-year-old German No 2 and the eighth seed. They partnered each other in the doubles at Roland Garros last year, and made it through to the last four, but they are not even closely matched when it comes to the singles.

In their five matches against each other so far, Huber has been allowed a mere 18 games. "I've lost very easily against her," she said. The last time, in Florida, she went down 6-1, 6-1.

Sánchez Vicario plays Mary Joe Fernandez, the fifth seed. She has already beaten her twice here, in the semi-final on the way to winning the title in 1989, and in the quarter-final two years later, as well as on four other occasions. Her only defeat was on the faster lawns of Wimbledon.

Fernandez, four months the elder of the 21-year-olds, was on Tuesday night involved in the third longest women's singles on record. After completing an extraordinary comeback against Gabriela Sabatini, she said she noticed that at 1-6 and 1-5 down, only 54 minutes had passed. She was then intent only on extending the match for over an hour. Even that may be beyond both her and Huber.

Top seed spurred on by wet weather

BY ALIX RAMSAY

THE rain caused Martina Navratilova more trouble than Ann Henrickson yesterday at the Direct Line Insurance tennis championships at Beckenham as she eased into the quarter-finals, 6-1, 6-3.

In a rain-delayed match, the top seed spent more time wiping the drizzle from her glasses than dealing with Henricksson's game, wavering only once to lose her serve before getting back to business and heading for the next round.

"Every day it gets a little better," she said. "I got annoyed when I lost my serve but then I saw the rain clouds and thought I would be more annoyed if I was still here when it rained again. That's when I picked it up."

Navratilova is not about to admit to playing for fun these days, but her main goal is to do well in the grand slam events and it is the fascination of the game itself that keeps her going. "For me the joy is to be on the same court as the top players," she said.

Danny Sapsford's run came to an abrupt end yesterday. Having beaten the No 1 seed the day before, he lost to Chris Bailey, ranked 320, 6-3, 6-4. The 6ft 5in Bailey blasted the diminutive Sapsford off court, erasing the memory of Beckenhams past. "It's nice to win a round because I have had a nightmare here every other year," he said.

Joining him in the quarter-finals is Neil Broad, who beat the No 12 seed, Tommy Ho, of the United States, 6-7, 6-3, 6-4. Broad's win is a feather in the cap of British tennis, but only just. He comes to Britain by way of Cape Town and California, claiming his place as a home grown player only since 1991.

Born in South Africa he would love to live in Britain if only he could afford it. Earning his keep on the challenger circuit and trying to qualify for the big events, beating Ho has made Beckenham a worthwhile trip. "It's my best win for some time — any win is a good win," he said.

Christie gives up his relay place

BRITAIN'S sprinters will learn something about coping with life after Linford Christie this weekend when the 4 x 100 metres relay team tries out a new anchorman. Christie, it appears, has eyes only for the 100 metres. Andy Norman, Britain's promotions officer, said yesterday: "Linford says he does not want to run the 4 x 100 metres in any of the championships."

If Christie does not run the relay at the world championships in Stuttgart, it would be the first time he has missed a British championship sprint relay team since 1987. As Commonwealth, European and Olympic 100 metres champion, Christie needs the world title for a set. He is expected to make his first appearance of the season at the Pearl European Relays in Portsmouth on Saturday.

Dalton tightens grip

YACHTING: Grant Dalton and the Whitbread maxi, New Zealand Endeavour, strengthened their hold on the UAP Round Europe race yesterday, after scoring a second successive stage victory on the leg from Cherbourg to Rotterdam. Pierre Fehlmann's Swiss entry, Merit Cup, finished nine minutes astern and was followed by Daniel Malle's French Post Office maxi, La Poste. Roger Nilson's European entry, Intrum Justitia, led the lightweight Whitbread 60s fleet in an hour behind Dalton. Nilson heads his class overall. The race continues to Copenhagen tomorrow and finishes at Stockholm on June 13.

Top seed's escape act

BADMINTON: Heryanto Arbi, the top seed and All England champion, came within a point of going out in the fourth round of the world championships in Birmingham yesterday. Arbi, so acrobatic while winning at Wembley ten weeks ago, was curiously floor-bound as he trailed 8-13 and 12-14 in the final game to Ewe Hock, of Malaysia, before smashing his way to a 15-12, 11-15, 17-14 win. Darren Hall, the national champion, seeded to reach the last 16, was one of the seven losing England players.

England recall Cutler

BOWLS: David Cutler, who last played for England five years ago, has been recalled for the home international series at Worthing from July 7 to 10. He skips a rink that includes two new caps, Paul Broderick and Steve Tuohy. The other newcomers are Andrew Wills, Hugh Duff, Chris Palmer, Stephen Farish and Jamie Mills. Brett Morley, who has not missed a series since 1983, has been dropped into the reserves. The only unchanged rinks are those of John Bell and Ted Hanger.

Gretzky in great form

ICE HOCKEY: Wayne Gretzky had a hand in all five goals as Los Angeles Kings beat Montreal Canadiens 4-1 in the first game of the National Hockey League's best-of-seven Stanley Cup finals in Montreal on Tuesday. Gretzky scored once and made three assists as Montreal suffered their first home defeat of the play-offs. The other Kings scorers were Luc Robitaille (2) and Jari Kurri while Montreal's goal came when Gretzy tried to intercept a pass from Ed Ronan and deflected the puck past Kelly Hrudey.

Striking out through delay

Hornagold v Fairclough Building Ltd and Another

Before Lord Justice Glidewell and Lord Justice Roch

[Judgment May 27]

To succeed in an application to strike out a plaintiff's claim for want of prosecution, a defendant had to produce some evidence either that there had been a significant addition to the substantial risk that there could not be a fair trial caused by periods of inordinate and inexcusable delay or that there had been a significant addition to the prejudice to a defendant, either as between the defendant and the plaintiff or as between the defendant and another party to the action, caused by such delays.

The Court of Appeal so stated in allowing an appeal by Mr Charles Frederick Hornagold against the dismissal of his appeal by Mr Justice Schiemann on July 27, 1992, from a decision of a district judge on April 6, 1992 striking out his action against the first defendant, Fairclough Building Ltd, and the second defendant, T. S. Industrial Development (Norwich) Ltd, for want of prosecution.

Mr Nicholas Yell for the plaintiff; Mr Colin Nixon for the first defendant; Mr Christopher J. Russell for the second defendant.

LORD JUSTICE ROCH said that on May 30, 1984 the plaintiff, a self-employed roofing sheeter engaged by the second defendant, a roofing sub-contractor to the first defendant, fell some 30 feet in the course of his employment and fractured his skull.

In consequence of his injuries he had no recollection of the incident, to which there were no known witnesses.

It was accepted on his behalf that there had been inordinate and inexcusable delay in prosecution.

In *Benoit v Hackney London Borough Council* (CA, unreported, February 11, 1991) Lord Justice Stuart-Smith had said:

"What the judge did not advert to . . . was the effect of long delay on the quality of evidence which can be given . . . many years after the event in question.

"In my judgment, in a case such as this which depends on the oral evidence of witnesses, based on their recollection many years after the events in question, with every year that passes their recollections become more uncertain . . .

"Where prolonged culpable delay follows long delays in the serving of proceedings, the court may readily infer that memories and reliability of witnesses has further deteriorated in the period of culpable delay."

Relying on those observations Mr Justice Schiemann had said: "I do not find this easy but it seems that the defendants have shown more than minimal additional prejudice. Rather unusually it goes not to the precise circumstances of the accident between the defendants and the plaintiff but to the issues between the defendants as to their responsibilities towards the plaintiff.

"Those matters will turn on their various responsibilities under the contract, what was told to the plaintiff and what was the practice at the time and in those circumstances.

"In all probability there will be oral evidence on either side and that evidence is likely to be less good, one can say, than if given earlier. That might well disadvantage the plaintiff."

His Lordship said that the conclusion that he had reached, having regard to the authorities, was that to succeed in such an application a defendant had to produce some evidence either that there had been a significant addition to the substantial risk that there could not be a fair trial caused by the post-commencement of proceedings period or by periods of inordinate and inexcusable delay or that there had been a significant addition to the prejudice to a defendant.

By saying that he did not say that inference had no part to play in the process of resolving the issue of "more than minimal additional prejudice" or that the court could not draw inferences from evidence contained in affidavits.

But there had to be more than the bald assertion that the delay had prejudiced the defendants or that it had created a substantial risk that a fair trial would not be possible or that it had added to existing prejudice or to the existing risk that a fair trial would not be possible.

There had to be some indication of the prejudice, for example that no statement was taken at the time of the material events so that a particular witness who would have been called on a particular issue had no means of refreshing his memory, or that a particular witness who was to be called on a particular issue was of an advanced age and no longer wished to give evidence or had become infirm and unavailable in the period of the further inordinate and inexcusable delay.

Turning to the present case, what was contained in the affidavits was insufficient.

As the judge had said, the defendants did not identify the particular witnesses nor the particular respects in which their evidence had been impaired.

Where his Lordship differed from the judge was that it was incumbent on defendants always to identify a particular witness or a particular respect in which their evidence had been impaired or a particular reason why they said that there was a substantial risk that there could no longer be a fair trial of the issues.

Were the mere assertion of prejudice to be sufficient, then that would in effect transfer the burden of proof on that issue to the plaintiff, a submission that was expressly rejected by the House of Lords in *Department of Transport v Chris Smaller Ltd*, ([1989] AC 1197).

Lord Justice Glidewell gave a concurring judgment.

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Service charge clause is valid

Coventry City Council v Cole

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Steyn and Lord Justice Rose

[Judgment May 28]

A clause in a long lease granted under the right-to-buy provisions of the Housing Act 1985, as amended, providing for the lessee to pay a service charge of a fixed sum plus a sum calculated in accordance with the building cost information service tender price index fell outside paragraphs 16A and 18 of Schedule 6 to the 1985 Act, as inserted and substituted respectively by sections 4(4) and (5) of the Housing and Planning Act 1986, and was valid and enforceable.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in dismissing an appeal brought by the lessees, Mr Michael David Cole and Mrs Patricia Eleanor Cole against the decision of Judge Harrison-Hall, QC, on June 2, 1992 when he set aside an award of £244 to Coventry City Council by Deputy District Judge Sharpe on November 15, 1991.

Paragraph 16A of Schedule 6, as inserted, provides: "(1) The lease may require the tenant to bear a reasonable part of the costs incurred by the landlord — (a) in discharging or insuring against the obligations imposed by the covenants implied by virtue of paragraph 14(2) . . . or (b) in insuring against the obligations imposed by the covenant implied by virtue of paragraph 14(3). . ."

Paragraph 18 of Schedule 6, as substituted, provides: ". . . a provision of the lease . . . is void in so far as it purports — (a) to authorise the recovery of such a charge as is mentioned in paragraph 16A . . . otherwise than in accordance with that paragraph and paragraph 16B . . ."

Mr Lance Ashworth for the lessees; Mr Michael Briggs for the council.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that the appeal raised an important question relating to the right-to-buy provisions in the 1985 Act.

In 1988 the lessees were the tenants of a flat which they rented from the council and which they held as secure tenants. They exercised their right to take a long lease under the 1985 Act and by a lease dated July 4, 1988 the council demised the flat for a term of 125 years for £5,175 with a fixed rent payable throughout the term at a rate of £10 a year.

In due course the council made a claim against the lessees for a service charge of £244 expressed to be payable in accordance with clause 5(2) of the lease for the period from October 1, 1988 to September 30, 1989.

Clause 5 provided: "The lessee hereby covenants with the council as follows: . . . (2) To pay such sum (. . . service charge) as is specified in the fifth schedule . . ."

The fifth schedule of the lease provided, *inter alia*, as follows: "The service charge to be paid by the lessee to the council in accordance with clause 5(2) thereof shall be — (a) The sum of £208 per annum and (b) By way of additional charge a sum bearing the same proportion to the said sum as shall be borne by any increase in the building cost information service tender price index published by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors to the figure shown therein . . ."

The lessees failed to pay and the council issued a summons in the county court. When the case came before the deputy judge, he dismissed it on the basis that the council was not authorised to recover the sum by reason of the provisions of the Housing Act 1985 relating to service charges.

The council appealed to Judge Harrison-Hall, QC, who allowed the appeal and held that clause 5(2) of the lease was valid and enforceable. The lessees appealed.

It was submitted on behalf of the council that clause 5(2) of the lease was unaffected by paragraph 18(a) of Schedule 6 to the 1985 Act, as substituted by section 4(5) of the Housing and Planning Act 1986, which authorised the recovery of "such a charge as is mentioned in paragraph 16A".

It was argued that that paragraph, in common with the statutory control relating to private landlords, was concerned with "service charges" as defined in various Acts since 1972, or at any rate was concerned only with variable charges.

Neither paragraph 18(a) nor paragraphs 16A and 16B were concerned with fixed charges of the kind specified in clause 5(2). Furthermore, it was clear from the context that "rent" in paragraph 11 of Schedule 6 to the Act was not used in the wide sense as meaning periodic consideration payable under a lease but meant ground rent.

It was argued that the statutory control of service charges which were variable was fully justified but the need for such control had no relevance to a fixed charge.

A variable charge was beneficial to landlords under a long lease because he was thereby insured against financial risks. On the other hand, if the service charge was not controlled, the tenant was exposed to the unpredictability of charges for repairs which could be undertaken at times decided by the landlord.

In addition, the right to recover costs incurred provided the landlord with no incentive to make sure that any repairs and maintenance were carried out as economically as possible. In the case of a fixed charge it was the landlord who was at risk of having to incur substantial expenditure at short notice. A fixed charge, subject only to an indexed escalation clause, enabled a tenant to budget for the future.

His Lordship considered the submissions advanced on behalf of the council were correct. Schedule 6 to the Act and the protection which it conferred on a tenant had to be looked at in the context of the statutory control relating to variable charges.

The reasonableness of a fixed charge could be examined at the time when the long lease was being negotiated. Assuming the fixed charge was reasonable the tenant was protected over the whole period of the lease from fluctuating and unpredictable costs. His only exposure to risk was in the risk attendant on a clause which depended on inflation.

His Lordship considered that the judge was right to uphold the clause and to treat clause 5(2) as falling outside paragraph 16A and therefore outside the scope of paragraph 18 of Schedule 6.

His Lordship was also satisfied that clause 5(2) did not infringe paragraph 11 of Schedule 6 which provided that where the landlord held the freehold interest, the lease had to be for a term not less than 125 years and at a rent of not exceeding £10. The rent "not exceeding £10" stipulated in that paragraph clearly meant the ground rent.

The provisions in paragraphs 16A and 16B made it clear that the word "rent" in paragraph 11 could not embrace all sums payable from time to time as consideration under the lease.

Lord Justice Steyn and Lord Justice Rose agreed.

Solicitors: Field Overell, Coventry; Mr A. H. Pins, Coventry.

Behaviour amounting to contempt of court

Regina v Powell

Before Lord Justice Staughton, Mr Justice Popplewell and Mr Justice Laws

[Judgment May 27]

When relating general principles on contempt of court to the facts of a particular case, section 12 of the Contempt of Court Act 1981 gave a good indication of what type of behaviour amounted to contempt in the face of the court at common law.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in dismissing an appeal by Paul Baden Powell against conviction at Cardiff Crown Court (Judge Kilfoil) of contempt of court. His appeal against a sentence of 14 days imprisonment was allowed; one day in custody having been served no other penalty was imposed.

Section 12 of the 1981 Act provides:

"(1) A magistrates' court has jurisdiction under this section to deal with a person who — (a) wilfully insults the justice or justices, any witness before or officer of the court or any solicitor or counsel having business in the court, during his or their sitting or attendance in court or in going to or returning from the court; or (b) wilfully interrupts the proceedings of the court or otherwise misbehaves in court."

Mr Andrew Nicol for the appellant.

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON, giving the judgment of the court, said that the appellant was sitting in the public gallery of the crown court when jurors returned to court to deliver their verdict. One of the jurors was an attractive, smartly dressed young lady.

There was a wolf whistle from the back of the court. The judge asked who had whistled. The appellant acknowledged that he had done so and said that he was leaving.

He was arrested in the street and brought back to court. The judge told him that his conduct was on the face of it contempt of court, meaning impudence or cheek in the face of the court.

He granted legal aid for solicitor and counsel. Counsel offered his apologies to the court and mitigated on his behalf. The judge said he did not think a fine was sufficient and imposed a sentence of 14 days imprisonment. At 11.30 that night, an application for bail was granted by Lord Justice Russell but for administrative reasons the appellant was not released until midday next day.

The court had been referred to *Balogh v St Albans Crown Court* ([1975] QB 73), *Morris v Crown Office* ([1970] 2 QB 114) and the *Attorney-General v Leveller Magazine* ([1979] AC 440) for the general principles regarding contempt of court.

The observations made in those cases were accepted as sound general principles but when it came to the task of relating them to the facts there was, in their Lordships' opinion, more guidance to be found in section 12 of the 1981 Act.

That was an enactment providing for the first time power to magistrates' courts to deal with contempt and must have been intended by Parliament to reflect at the very least the sort of behaviour which would be considered contempt in the face of the court at common law.

A wolf whistle, as Mr Nicol conceded, might be considered by many women as offensive but others might consider it flattering.

But what mattered was that when a wolf whistle was addressed to a juror when she was returning with others to deliver a verdict it was potentially insulting, offensive and a serious interference with the administration of justice and the courts. This was not a case of abuse or an insult directed at a judge.

Such cases did occur from time to time, particularly from disappointed litigants in the Civil Division of the Court of Appeal.

They were usually of very short duration and almost invariably judges were not so conscious of their own dignity, or so afraid of losing it, that they had to take action in all such cases.

But jurors did not come to courts in order to have comments made as to their personal appearance. The judge's decision would be upheld and the appeal against conviction dismissed.

Disorder in court was not uncommon these days and had to be discouraged. Perhaps the publicity which had attended this case would have that effect.

The penalty imposed of 14 days imprisonment was inappropriate. The matter could have been dealt with by a moderate fine, having regard to his means, or by detaining him until the end of the day or over the luncheon adjournment and then releasing him with a reprimand. As the appellant had served a period of one day in custody no other penalty would be imposed.

Solicitors: Farrer & Co, London.

No exemption for moneys paid 'at the same time'

Power v Sharp Investments Ltd and Another

Before Lord Justice Ralph Gibson, Lord Justice Nolan and Sir Christopher Slade

[Judgment May 20]

Where no presently existing charge had been created by any agreement or company resolution preceding the execution of a formal debenture, no moneys paid to the company before the execution of that debenture would qualify for the invalidity exemption in section 245(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 unless the interval between payment and execution was so short that it could not be regarded as minimal and that payment and execution could be regarded as contemporaneous.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment when dismissing the appeal of Sharp Investments Ltd from the order of Mr Justice Hoffmann on December 20, 1991 that Sharp should make an interim payment, pursuant to Order 29, rule 12 and Order 14A of the Rules of the Supreme Court, to Mr Dermot Justin Power, as the liquidator of Shoe Lace Ltd, of £134,710.

Mr Chandru Mahtani, the second respondent to the original proceedings but who was not represented on the appeal, was the Protector of the Poppsy Trust which was alleged to be the owner of Sharp.

Mr Daniel Serota, QC and Mr Paul Lowenstein for Mr Power; Mr John B. Briggs for Sharp.

SIR CHRISTOPHER SLADE said that the words "at the same time as, or after, the creation of the charge" in section 245(2) were clearly included by the legislature for the purpose of excluding from the exemption the amount of moneys paid to the company before the creation of the charge, even though they were paid in consideration for that charge.

The approach, which had been relied upon by counsel for Sharp, adopted by Mr Justice Neville and by the Court of Appeal in *In re Columbian Fireproofing Company Ltd* ([1910] 1 Ch 758) was wrong, for it failed to pay regard to the crucially important distinction between two classes of case namely (a) an agreement to give security which created a present equitable right to a security, and which was thus registrable, and (b) an agreement to give security which was merely an agreement that a security in some future circumstances should be created, which would not require registration.

In a case where the promise to execute a debenture created a present equitable right to a security, and where moneys were advanced in reliance upon it, the delay between the advances and the execution of the formal instrument of charge was immaterial; the charge had already been created and was immediately registrable, so that other creditors of the company would have the opportunity to learn of its existence.

In a case where the promise to execute a debenture did not create any such present equitable right, the existence of that promise was irrelevant for the purpose of applying section 245 where the relevant temporal requirements of the exemption could not be satisfied if the making of the advance preceded the formal execution of the debenture by any time whatsoever, unless the interval was so short that it could be regarded as *de minimis*, for example, a coffee-break.

Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Lord Justice Nolan agreed.

Solicitors: McKenna & Co; Fruhman, Davies & Co, Manchester.

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Centre gives masterful display in British Isles' fourth successive victory in New Zealand

Guscott on song as Lions master imperfect pitch

Canterbury 10
British Isles XV 28

FROM DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT
IN CHRISTCHURCH

THE score suggests the British Isles' most comfortable win of their tour so far. But, just like the pitch at Lancaster Park, where the Lions beat Canterbury yesterday, appearances can be deceptive.

A film of water, invisible to the 19,000 crowd until the players took the field, covered the pitch after heavy overnight rain and made conditions treacherous. It is as well, though, that the Lions should get to know the local conditions because they may affect the first international, in ten days' time, which will be played here.

Robert Jones, the Lions scrum half, who has played in all conditions all over the world, emphasised how difficult it was to control the ball, which was of the Adidas make used in the 1991 World Cup and is standard on this tour. "It's a great ball when it's dry but it gets very slippery," Jones said. "It was very difficult to get away accurately and, in the end, I had to ask Rob Andrew to come closer, which obviously cut down the room for all the backs."

Players from both sides made more handling errors than might have been expected, they had difficulty keeping their footing and a change of direction was almost impossible.

But the Lions, who won by a goal, three tries, a penalty goal and a dropped goal to a goal and a penalty, had a forward-based game to fall back on; Canterbury, with their lightweight pack, did not and their failure to score more points during their domination of the first half, achieved through swift and accurate rucking, cost them dear.

One player, however, rose above the surface. Jeremy Guscott confirmed his first-choice status for the internationals with immaculate handling and sure defence. Three times in the first quarter, when Canterbury, whipped on by Graeme Bachop, were at their most threatening, Guscott's tackling was crucial. Had it not been for him, Paul Bale would have scored and Tony Underwood will regret a missed tackle on his opposite number.

In the second half, as the Lions gradually won forward control, Guscott's attacking gifts came to the fore and, had it not been for a dropped ball and a loose pass in injury time, his overall display would have been beyond reproach. He was even able to clear up the mistakes of his back row which, understandably with a No 8 on the open side and a player more accustomed to locking the scrum on the blind side, took time to discover some measure of understanding.

Vance Stewart, the Canterbury coach, regretted the departure of his players from the plan to use the blind side to expose the Lions back row: "Misdirected enthusiasm," Stewart said as his team, carried away by the fluid style he has tried to introduce, ran the ball into the open spaces. On a firmer surface they might have led at the interval rather than trailed 8-7, a travesty of their territorial advantage and spritely play.

But Stewart admired the Lions defence and expressed the belief (greeted with some derision by the Lions management) that they would go into the first international as favourites. He had, too, a warning: "The Lions seem to build momentum as the game progresses but they couldn't let the All Blacks dominate the first 20 minutes and put on a lot of points, like the Maoris did, because they [New Zealand] would have the ability to close the game down."

Guscott's opening try, the product of splendid work by Gibbs and Clarke, was against the run of play. Nor could the Lions quibble that Canterbury's response, Smith scoring when McAtamney collected a rebound in an offside position, was undeserved. Jim Taylor, the referee, had come to their assistance often enough, to the extent that the count of penalties and free kicks at the interval was 9-1 in the Lions' favour.

Gradually they edged away, capitalising on their scrummage power for Galwey's try and on mistakes in the Canterbury midfield for tries by Underwood and Andrew, whose damaged knee — hurt in scoring — forced him off but is not expected to interrupt his tour. "We have to be pleased," Ian McGeechan, the coach, said, "with what has happened so far."

SCORERS: Canterbury: Try: Smith. Conversion: Coffey. Penalty: Coffey. British Isles: Tries: Guscott, Galwey, T Underwood, Andrew. Conversion: Andrew. Penalty: Andrew. Dropped goal: Andrew.
CANTERBURY: A Lawry; P Bale, S Philpott, K Hansen, S Cleave; G Coffey, G Bachop; G Halford, M Hammett, S Loe, T Blackadder, C England, M McAtamney, G Smith, R Penney (captain). Replacements: W Meunsell for Hansen (4 min); T Kele for Halford (63 min).
BRITISH ISLES XV: A Clement (Swansea); R Wallace (Garryowen), S Gibbs (Swansea), J Guscott (Bath), T Underwood (Leicester); R Andrew (Wasps), R Jones (Swansea); J Leonard (Harlequins), K Milne (Heriot's FP), P Burnell (London Scottish), M Galwey (Shannon), M Bayfield (Northampton), A Reed (Bath), B Clarke (Bath), D Richards (Leicester, captain). Replacements: S Barnes (Bath) for Andrew (78 min).
Referee: J Taylor (Counties).

☐ Stephen Hilditch, the Irish referee who sent off two French players during the five nations' championship match against England last year, will handle the internationals between France and South Africa on June 26, in Durban, and on July 3, in Johannesburg.

DAVID ROGERS/ALLSPORT

Centre of attention: Guscott attempts to break a tackle as the Canterbury defence closes in yesterday

Tongans provide stern test for Scotland

Tongan President's XV .. 5
Scotland 21

FROM ALAN LORIMER
IN TONGA

SCOTLAND beat a Tongan President's XV in Nuku'alofa in a more physical game than they had experienced the week before in Fiji. It was a realistic test for several players aiming for places in the Scotland team to face Tonga on Saturday.

It did, however, cost Scotland the services of Ken Milligan and Martin Scott. Milligan pulled a hamstring and Scott injured a rib muscle, and both will be coming home.

Gregor Townsend may have done just enough to dislodge Ally Donaldson from the stand-off place. Playing with much more composure than he showed last week against Fiji Juniors in Suva, the Gala player kicked from hand with more accuracy and, with three penalty goals and a conversion, showed that his goalkicking eye also had returned.

Elsewhere in the backs, Rob MacNaughton again looked sure in defence, and it was a finely judged run on the narrow side and just a hint of a dummy that gave Townsend Scotland's only try.

Sadly, MacNaughton was forced to retire from the game, to be replaced by Donaldson. Milligan and Scott were replaced by Ken Logan and Jim Hay.

Up front, Shade Munro did well at the lineout but overall the Scots were just about matched at the throw-in as they were by the driving play of the Tongan forwards, who were halted only by some tenacious tackling from Kevin Armstrong at blind-side flanker. Murray Wallace looked useful in his first outing on the other flank, but he would seem unlikely to displace Ian Smith for the international.

Scotland's other score was a penalty try in the first half awarded after the Tongans had illegally prevented a pushover try by the Scots.

For the Tongans, whose two kickers missed five kicks at goal, their reward for persistent and competent effort came three minutes before full-time when a move initiated by their centres ended in Taumoepaqu going over.

SCORERS: Tongan President's XV: Try: Taumoepaqu. Scotland: Try: Townsend. Penalty try. Conversion: Townsend. Penalty goals: Townsend (3).
TONGAN PRESIDENT'S XV: T Vava; A Wasi, L Fetu, M Lavaka, T Va'enuku; T Kolo, E Tulikaki; T Lutua, M Kite, T Lavaka, T Lotoahea, V Taumoepaqu, T Tulikaki, M Murukila (captain), F Fakaongo.
SCOTLAND XV: C Redpath (Melrose); K Milligan (Stewart's Melville FP; rep: K Logan, Stirling County), R MacNaughton (Northampton; rep: A Donaldson, Currie), D Wyllie (Stewart's Melville FP; captain), J Kerr (Haddington), G Townsend (Gala), B Redpath (Melrose); P Jones (Gloucester), M Scott (Edinburgh Academicals; rep: J Hay, Hawick), G Wilson (Boroughmuir), K Armstrong (Jed-Forest), R Scott (London Scottish), S Munro (Glasgow High/Kelvinside), M Wallace (Glasgow High/Kelvinside), C Hogg (Melrose).
Referee: T Marshall (New Zealand).

Weston's team reaches final

BY JOHN WATSON

GALEN Weston's polo team, the Maple Leafs, won a place in the final of the tournament for the Alfred Dunhill Cup (the Queen's Cup subsidiary) at Smiths Lawn, Windsor Great Park, yesterday, following their 6-5 victory against Franken, a foursome put together by the Nuremberg player, Hannes Huhnlein.

The match, played over six chukkas, was conducted in adverse conditions, the pitch cutting up drastically after heavy rain.

It was an afternoon of sticky ball and sticky mallets and shots too often going wide. Fortunately, however, the ponies' feet were more inclined to punch holes in the turf than to skid.

Huhnlein's squad was well mounted, half his ponies coming with him from Germany, half from Peter Grace's Ascot Park Club, where Huhnlein has been based for the Queen's Cup tournament.

His strong men are the Argentinians, Tommy Llorente and Juan Ruiz Guinazu. At No 1 he fields Andrew Hine, a sharp five handicap.

Although this was a level-pegged encounter, the Maple Leafs, equally well mounted, had the best of it most of the time. They are pivoted on the ten-goal Mexican, Memo Gracida, an he plays hand-in-glove with his American No 2, Mike Azzaro.

Their score should have been higher. In the second half Gracida took no fewer than five penalty shots at goal, all of which were lofted high, all of which were missed.

The Maple Leafs' other failure was that of Galen Weston Jr, who ought to have positioned himself further up the field to take the many passes he was offered by Gracida and Azzaro.

MAPLE LEAFS. 1, G Weston Jr, (2); 2, M Azzaro (9); 3, M Gracida (10); back, G Weston Sr (1).
FRANKEN: 1, A Hine (5); 2, H F Llorente (9); 3, J R Guinazu (7); back, H Huhnlein (1).

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Three-point question for World Cup teams

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE 24 teams in the 1994 World Cup finals in the United States will be asked to decide whether three points instead of two should be awarded for a win in first-round matches, Fifa, the world governing body, said in Zurich yesterday. The organisers of the tournament want Fifa to make this change in to encourage more entertaining, attacking games.

They hoped that the World Cup committee of Fifa would give the go-ahead to alter the system at the meeting in Zurich, but no decision will be made until the draw in Las Vegas in December.

"We don't want to take any decision without consulting the teams," the Fifa spokesman, Guido Tognoni, said. "If there is any resistance from the teams then Fifa will not impose the change. The voting procedure has not been decided but it will probably have to be unanimous."

Once the finalists are known, Fifa will ask the national associations if they agree with a switch to three points. The Americans fear that a repeat of some dull, drawn first-round games at the 1990 World Cup in Italy could turn American spectators away from the game. They believe that with three points of offer teams will abandon caution in favour of attack — and more thrills.

Andreas Herren, the Fifa press officer, said the governing body was not prepared to make any change before consulting the competing nations. "The World Cup has never been an experimental field.

"It is important that regulations are not amended in a light-hearted way that might trigger off a whole avalanche of consequences. If such a change were accepted it would have to be retained for future World Cups," he said.

But Fifa officials said there was no question of introducing the experimental sudden-death extra-time innovation at next year's World Cups. The idea was tested at the world youth championship in Australia in March and is being used in the new Japanese league.

The American organisers, keen to make the World Cup an exciting spectacle, unveiled in Zurich eye-catching, multi-coloured designs to decorate the tournament stadiums.

"We want to make them unique so that none of the stadiums would look like they have ever looked before," the stadium projects manager, Gerry Anderson, said.

"We want this event to be the greatest in the US and we don't want people when they go to the games to say: 'Oh, this is just another football stadium.' We want them to feel the World Cup and know how important it is, and how lucky it is. So we have created a unique design."

Stadium entrances, stands and players' tunnels will be decorated in an array of colours and flags. Anderson said the idea was partly inspired by the world's flags and European pageantry.

Alan Rothenberg, the head of the US World Cup organising committee, told Fifa that the US is on schedule to sell all 3.6 million tickets for the finals.

More than 600,000 have been sold in the first phase of marketing.

☐ Random drugs tests carried out at a dozen European, Central American, North American and Caribbean pre-liminary World Cup matches have proved negative, Fifa announced.

England stumble to barren future

FROM NICHOLAS HARLING IN WROCLAW, POLAND

ENGLISH basketball believed it was verging on a boom period not long ago. Now the national team is threatened with a spell in the international wilderness. England's failure here in the additional nations tournament means that it is not only out of the European championship finals in Germany later this month, but out of the conclusion to the 1995 tournament as well if there is no improvement in one of three qualifying events for minor nations, beginning on June 21 in Slovakia, Hungary or Austria.

Even that eternal optimist, Kevin Cadle, the coach, is forced to be realistic. "I'll have a worse team for that event — wherever it may be — than I've had for this," he said after England's third defeat, against Slovakia in overtime following losses in the opening two group C against Ukraine and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The fragmentation of Eastern Europe, spawning a host of new powerful basketball-playing nations where there used to be a handful, has not helped Cadle's case. But neither has the policy of the English Basket Ball Association. It is not entirely the EBBA's fault that ten players made themselves unavailable for the trip to Poland, but their reluctance to compensate players adequately for their time away was a big stumbling block.

The replacements failed to come up to requirement. Three players without a cap among them had been drafted in so late that they did not figure in the preparations. One of them, Matthew Cunningham, was shooting the ball at a basket in training when Cadle was passing by. "It was a case of saying, 'Hey, do you want to come to Poland with the national team?' " the coach said. "It's a joke, isn't it, when that kind of thing happens.

Missing: Scantlebury out of England challenge

"Really, we have put out a welfare team, yeah, an on-the-dole team." When Cadle has his best squad available, he calculates that their average salary from basketball is roughly £12,000 a man. Yet he noticed that Croatia had a player sitting on the bottom end of their bench, earning £40,000.

"English players are not in shape. The conditioning is not there," he said. "The Bosnia team we played were in serious physical condition." Serious, too, was the dilemma Cadle found himself in when his key player, Steve Bucknall, failed to turn up, preferring to attend the wedding of the man he succeeded as captain, Peter Scantlebury. As Cadle could ill afford to start a campaign for Bucknall's international suspension, the coach made attempts to get him to Wroclaw on a later flight. The olive branch was not grasped. Bucknall's attitude typified the lack of patriotic desire among some of the players.

The ball is firmly in the court of the EBBA, which must act immediately to save a two-year spell without decent competition.

"If the EBBA won't pay the price, this is the sort of team they get," Cadle said. "At the moment, it's like we're being denied the opportunity to succeed."

The day the winners looked like losers

SIMON BARNES at the Derby

It takes class to laugh off a crushing defeat. But there did not seem to be anybody at Epsom able to laugh off a much tougher thing: an absolutely crushing victory. I have never seen two victors with so glum a pair of faces.

Prince Khaled Abdulla — well, it was either him, or a performance of classically understated brilliance from Peter Sellers — unsmilingly paid tribute to the "teamwork" of his vast racing machine.

And Henry Cecil seemed cast down to the depths by the win, by the decisive and quite immaculate victory of Commander In Chief in the Derby yesterday. Cecil, who trains the horse, and Abdulla, who not only owns him but bred him as well, both addressed the world despondently in the victory press conference, and then set off, presumably to call Samaritans.

Because, of course, the wrong horse won. Tenby, odds-on, and overwhelmingly favoured by just about every expert whoever wagged a wise head at a horse, was the main hope of the Abdulla-Cecil combine.

In fact, to judge from the pre-race euphoria, you would have thought that the only serious danger to Tenby was our old pal Captain Keith Brown, who started this race as well as the Grand National.

Perhaps the time for marvelling will come: a truly splendid sustained burst of power between the three and the two-furlong poles settled this Derby while everyone watched the fading favourite.

Commander In Chief is a nice horse, all right, and both the prince and the ultra-patrician trainer said he would "go on improving". The usual glittering prizes lie in wait for them all. So smile.

But no, the second-string won: the understudy became the star, and the sense of anticlimax overwhelmed the pair of them.

You feel they would have been more exhilarated had darling Tenby been short-headed by some stranger's horse. As it was, Tenby was back in tenth, 23½ lengths behind the winner.

Cecil has won the reputation for being "laid-back". He speaks with a nonchalant drawl, and has an almost Goweresque reputation among racing people. It is an act he does very well, but it never seems convincing. His tiny smitter in the post-victory press conference gave him away just a little.

The truth is that all the top trainers live a life of quite absurd pressure. "Those trainers, they're all barking mad," a much-travelled stable lad once told me when deep in his cups. "Every last one of them. And I'm saying that although I *love* Henry."

Et cetera. Cecil maintains a skilful facade of cool, but laid-back trainer is as much an oxymoron as sluggish Derby winner or poor bookmaker. Or, for that matter, poor Derby-winning owner.

Abdulla, sad-eyed behind his Hank Marvin specs, was a long way from rejoicing. But then he is close to unreadable to English eyes. He is more accountant than flamboyant playboy.

Cecil: glum

The intensity, the love of the game, the love of the horses themselves — all these things must surely exist in him. What else would be the point in a "racing empire"?

But he seems, to us English, untouched by the switchback ride from delight to disaster and back again. And surely that is racing's chief joy.

But no, in quiet, collected English, he told us how he owned the winner's dam, Slightly Dangerous, second in the Oaks, and how he once owned the sire, Dancing Brave, second in the Derby.

"Both of them finished second. And he [Commander In Chief] won. So that is a good thing." That was the nearest he got to bubbling euphoria.

It was left to Cecil to field questions about the failure of Tenby: "Horses aren't machines, you know," he drawled about half-a-dozen times. Excuses, he said, would come later.

Perhaps concern for Tenby had, in truth, curtailed the joy of victory. Cecil would not compare this Derby winner with his others, Reference Point and Slip Anchor. "They've all been very good friends, and they've helped me a lot."

So, in the face of all this gloom, perhaps the mere observers should speak up. For this is a really rather nice horse, galloping so quick with such a jolly little white splodge on the end of his nose. He really is a jolly good racehorse, and he could rise to the heights of being really jolly good indeed. He had the power to destroy a slightly iffy Derby field with a hundred-yards burst of power.

He could go on to higher things, I hope that if he does, he will cheer up the prince and the trainer.

SPORTS LETTERS

Clubs denied their rights

From Mr Steve Corbett

Sir, Once again one is left to reflect on the wisdom of the Football League play-off system and to question its role in the football calendar.

It was initially introduced to help to reduce the size of the then first division to 20 clubs and thus to affect promotion and relegation issues throughout the league. The role it now plays is to bring money into football's coffers irrespective of the fairness of its outcomes.

Everyone in football, including no doubt Swindon Town supporters, will sympathise with the plight of Portsmouth. Denied automatic promotion by virtue of scoring one fewer goal than West Ham, Portsmouth have been prevented by the cup-tie nature of the play-off semi-finals from achieving what ought to be theirs by right.

The Football League must decide whether it is running a league or a cup competition. After a 46-match programme, the top three clubs should receive promotion without recourse to further fixtures. If the league decides that the knock-out element is a major factor in promotion issues, then why not extend the cup-tie nature from four to eight or even 16 clubs? They could borrow from the American professional sports, where the "regular" season is simply a device to eliminate several clubs prior to an extended knock-out tournament.

This may seem far-fetched, even ridiculous, but not as much as completing a league programme over nine months to find that the team finishing sixth, well behind the third-placed club, eliminates the latter from a possible promotion chance.

Nor is it a one-off. There was the same result in both 1990 (third-placed Newcastle losing to sixth-placed Sunderland, who were eventually promoted) and in 1992 (Derby finishing third, sixth-placed Blackburn arriving in the Premier League).

Yours sincerely,
STEVE CORBETT,
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Claygate, Surrey.

Need for independent body

From Mr E. D. Sleath

Sir, The recent demise of the British Institute of Sports Coaches leaves a big gap in the organisation of sport in this country and is likely to lead to even weaker performances of our competitors and teams in the international arena.

The method of its demise and subsequent merger with the National Coaching Federation, brought about by very misleading (now admitted) propaganda resulting in a huge postal vote in favour, will surely have left a bitter taste with many true sportsmen.

The 90 per cent vote against the merger by those attending the extraordinary general meeting reflects, in my opinion, more accurately the views of all interested parties and it is inconceivable that the state-dominated Sports Council and the NCF with its coaching advisory panel, which is only advisory and responsible to nobody, will be able to represent or even listen to the opinions and expertise of many sports coaches.

It is imperative in the interests of all British sport than an independent association of sports coaches be set up as soon as possible and that the independent views of all coaches be fully listened to and allowed to play their full part in the development of sport. Such an organisation would command the full active support of many of us.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
E. DENNIS SLEATH
(National coach, badminton),
28 Palmerston Boulevard,
South Knighton, Leicester.

English style

From Mr Louis K. Handy

Sir, It was with some interest that I listened to the television commentary on the European Cup final last week, between AC Milan and Marseilles, by Brian Moore and, in particular, Trevor Francis.

The footballing talent of the multi-million pound superstars of AC Milan is undoubted, but the commmentators heaped praise on them for their ability to play as a team, tackle back and make life hard for their opponents. Francis has in recent times repeatedly condemned teams who are "difficult to play against", in particular Arsenal.

Since five of Arsenal's defence are part of the England squad, they presumably are, at least in Graham Taylor's view, the best the country has to offer. There is little wonder then that they give little away, as their record shows. Allied to this, in Ian Wright and Paul Merson they have two of the most skilful and entertaining players in the country.

Why then should Arsenal be pilloried for doing what AC Milan get praised for? Could it be that, if you play on the Continent or cost vastly inflated sums of money, it is acceptable, whilst if you are only good enough to play for England, you are not?

Yours faithfully,
LOUIS K. HANDY,
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Cottenham,
Cambridgeshire.

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Another way out

From Sir Eric Yarrow

Sir, The occasions when due to weather conditions a Benson and Hedges Cup cricket match cannot be completed are few.

The present arrangements of a bowl-out, as took place at Taunton last week in the match between Somerset and Derbyshire before a sparse number of spectators, who had endured two days of frustration, is highly unsatisfactory and unfair to players, clubs or spectators and also produces no worthy winner.

While I appreciate that there is a full, but probably not a completely full, fixture list, surely, with a little initiative and flexibility, such a match under revised rules could have taken place at a later date, even if some inconvenience would be caused to those not directly involved.

Yours faithfully,
ERIC YARROW,
Cloak,
Kilmacolm,
Renfrewshire.

Winning pedigree

From Mr John R. Mackenzie

Sir, Patricia Davies's comment from the Amateur Championship (May 27) that Chris Cowan has "no real golf pedigree" must be challenged.

A young man in his twenties, the record shows, he was captain of Scottish and Aberdeen Universities, runner-up British Universities, winner of the St Andrews Eden tournament, four times Elie Golf House club champion and a member of the Merchistonian winnning team in the 1987 Halford Hewitt.

The pedigree may also show his grandmother being three times Fife county champion, grandfather Cumberland county champion, and father captain of Edinburgh University and winner of the Kangaroo's Paw at the Royal and Ancient spring meeting.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN R. MACKENZIE,
Kingsmuir, Links Road,
Earlsferry, Elie, Fife.

Remote advantage

From Mr Tony Benbow

Sir, If there is a risk that some Formula One teams are gaining an unfair advantage by the use of remote control (David Miller, May 24), this could be prevented by restricting radio transmissions from the pits to vocal instructions to the driver. However, the pits could still monitor the car.

Yours faithfully,
TONY BENBOW,
26 Fairlawn Grove, W4.

From Mr Simon Shaw Scott

Sir, Delighted as we are that Nigel Mansell came third in the Indianapolis 500 race, praise should also go to the British Penske team that made the winning car. Penske is based in Upton, Dorset, and rated one of the top four in the world. The engines, badged as Chevrolet, are made in Northampton.

Yours faithfully,
SIMON SHAW SCOTT,
8 Green Lane,
Bridport, Dorset.

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BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Florida Marlins 7, San Francisco Giants 3 and 3-4; Philadelphia Phillies 6, Cincinnati Reds 3; San Diego Padres 2, Atlanta Braves 1; Chicago Cubs 8, New York Mets 3; Montreal Expos 2, Houston Astros 1; Los Angeles Dodgers 11, St Louis Cardinals 6; Pittsburgh Pirates 8, Colorado Rockies 6.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Chicago White Sox 4, Detroit Tigers 2; Cleveland Indians 15, New York Yankees 8; Kansas City Royals 4, Boston Red Sox 3; Minnesota Twins 7, Texas Rangers 5; Milwaukee Brewers 10, Seattle Mariners 0; Toronto Blue Jays 8, California Angels 0; Oakland Athletics 4, Baltimore Orioles 1.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Western Conference finals third round play-off: Phoenix Suns 120, Seattle SuperSonics 114 (Phoenix lead best-of-seven series 3-2).

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Taunton: Somerset 8-1 v Lancashire.
BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY: Leicester: Lancashire 105 (R C Irani 54 not out); Leicestershire 110-4. Leicestershire won by 6 wickets. Southampton: Worcestershire 216-5 (N V Radford 54); Hampshire 184-9 (J R Wood 72). Worcestershire won by 32 runs. Taunton: Somerset 169-8 (N A Folland 68); Gloucestershire 202-4 (S G Hinks 53, M W Alleyne 78). Gloucestershire won by 6 wickets. Tunbridge Wells: Kent 268-8 (N J Long 84); Middlesex 236 (J C Pooley 86). Kent won by 32 runs.
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Aylesbury: Buckinghamshire 197-5 dec (M J Roberts 92, R R Balgent 66; P G Newman 4-39) and 47-1; Staffordshire 221-3 dec (S J Dean 81, D Cartledge 67). Kidmore End: Berkshire 179-8 dec (A Byram 6-76) and 136-1 (G Loveday 64 not out); Shropshire 186-7 dec (K Sharp 72 not out). No play yesterday — match drawn.

CYCLING

CRITERIUM DU DAUPHINE LIBERE: Second stage (Guilherand-Granges to St Etienne, 162.5km): 1, G Duclos-Lassalle (Fr), 4hr 31min 29sec; 2, J Weltz (Den), same time; 3, M Earley (Ire), 4sec.

EQUESTRIANISM

ROYAL BATH AND WEST SHOW: Gibbs Hartley Cooper Stakes: 1, G Goosen's Florella; 2, Miss B Ford's Lacaz (M McCourt); 3, Everest Premiere (L Edgar). Showing classes: Champion hunter: Mrs J Thornton's Oranmore; reserve: R Crebar's King's Warrior. Small hunter breeding: Mr and Mrs A G Lorlston-Clarke's Catherston Lightening; reserve: Mrs M Skinner's Free Spirit. Champion hunter breeding: Mrs M Geeke and Mrs C Balding's High Road; reserve: J L Dunlop's Polar Star. Champion pure bred Arab: Mrs W Gow's Grey Wood Nymph; reserve: Mrs J R Coward's Rusleen.

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group three: Denmark 5, Albania 0.
JAPANESE LEAGUE: Shimizu S-Pulse 2, Kawasaki Verdy 4; Urawa Reds 0, Yokohama Marinos 1; Kashima Antlers 2, Ichihara NEC United 1; Yokohama Flugels 0, Osaka Gamba 1; Nagoya Grampus Eight 1, Hiroshima San Frecce 4.
Late results on Tuesday
EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group two: Norway 1, England 1. Group four: Czechoslovakia 4, Romania 2. Group five: Iceland 0, Russia 1. Group six: Sweden 4, Israel 1.
DUTCH LEAGUE: SVV/Dordrecht '90 4, Cornuour Leeuwarden 0; Fortuna Sittard 1, FC Den Bosch 1.
BELGIAN CUP, semi-final, second leg: Standard Liège 2, Waregem 1 (Liege win 5-2 on agg, face Charleroi in final).

GOLF

ROYAL CINQUE PORTS: Bar Golfing Society annual tournament: First round: S Mortimore, QC bt N Wilkinson, QC, 3 and 2; P Norris bt J Tod, 2 holes; N Sweaney wo J Cohen, scr; D Herbert bt D Gordon, 3 and 2; M Stephens bt P Clarkson, QC, 3 and 2; Mr Justice Clarke bt C Whitby, QC, 2 holes; Mr Justice McKinnon bt N Mostyn, 4 and 3; R Terry bt D O'Sullivan, 3 and 2; D McEvoy, QC bt M Moore, 5 and 4; D Waters bt J Bellamy, 3 and 2; M Joy bt P Clarke, 5 and 3; A Bessemer Clark bt R McKinnon, 5 and 3; A Brough bt R Warnock, 5 and 4; D Hunt, QC bt J Roberts, 3 and 1; G Shaw, QC bt Mester G Rose, 5 and 4; M Shaw bt Judge Simon Coltart, 7 and 5; M Warren bt S Newton, 2 holes; A Barrett bt T Preston, QC, 5 and 4; S Dent bt P Jones, 3 and 2; Judge Nigel Hague, QC bt R Webb, QC, 3 and 2; G Bark-Jones bt Richard Hartley, QC, 4 and 3; M Neill bt R Hunt, 3 and 2; Mr Justice Potter bt Simon Chapman, 20th hole; J Slater, QC bt Judge Fabyan Evans, 5 and 4; G Pollock, QC bt Mr Justice Hollis, 7 and 5; J Banson bt L Read, QC 19th hole; C Symons, QC bt P Irvin, 4 and 3; Judge Romjie Livesey, QC bt Master N Murray 1 up; T Higginson bt B Stephenson, 4 and 3; R Stead bt J Wells, 3 and 2; R Doggett bt T Shields, QC, 3 and 2; R Percival bt Judge Brian Duckworth, 3 and 2; R Anelay, QC bt Judge Malcolm Ward, 3 and 2; I Glen bt Mr Justice Rougier, 3 and 2; D Watson bt M Templeman, 2 and 1; M Cousens bt G Sankey, QC, 1 up; I Dilley bt R Thomas, QC, 5 and 4; Mr Justice Buckley bt J Turner, 2 holes; J Cartwright bt Lord Justice Simon Brown, 2 and 1; John Davies bt Judge Kenneth Willcock, QC, 6 and 5; J Livesey bt Lord Griffiths, 6 and 5; O Saxby bt R Walker, QC, 2 and 1; G Moriarty, QC bt J Holdsworth, 1 hole; I Christie bt R Davies, 3 and 2; R Leach bt R Hetherington, 1 up; Mr Justice Connel bt A Hamilton, QC, 4 and 2; H A Booth, QC bt Judge Tom Heald, 4 and 3; D Westcott bt B Barker, QC, 5 and 4; R Nelson, QC bt R Bromilow, 3 and 2; G Clough bt P Banson, 5 and 4.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup: Finals: Los Angeles Kings 4, Montreal Canadiens 1 (Los Angeles lead best-of-seven series 1-0).

MOTOR SPORT

GURSTON DOWN: Gulf Oil RAC hill climb championship: 1, R Lane (Pilbeam), 29.11sec; 2, M Colton (Roman), 29.39; 3, D Grace (Pilbeam), 29.63. Overall (after five rounds): 1, Lane, 48pts; 2, Colton, 33; equal 3, Grace, S Durling, 27.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: Canterbury 10, British Isles XV 28 (in Christchurch); Tongan President's XV 5, Scotland XV 21 (in Nuku'alofa).

TENNIS

PARIS: French Open: Late results on Tuesday: Men's singles: Quarter-finals: K Flach (US) bt C Van Lottum, 5-7, 6-2, 7-6; R Ramsberg bt B Curry (SA), 3-6, 7-6, 6-2; J Morgan (Aus) bt R Koenig (SA), 2-6, 7-5, 6-4; R Krajicek (Holl) and K Novacek (Cz), 3-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 (bad light stopped play). Women's singles: Second round: K Radford (Aus) bt K Nagatsuka (Japan), 6-2, 6-2; M Miyauchi (Japan) bt C Benjamin (US), 2-6, 6-4, 7-6; E Reinach and D Visser (SA) bt N Zvereva (Belo) and M Kratzmann (Aus), 6-4, 6-4.
Quarter-finals: E Smylie and J Fitzgerald (Aus) bt D Graham and G Van Emburgh (US), 6-2, 6-4.
Girls' doubles, second round: J Pullin and L Woodroffe (GB) bt L Hilge and N De Villiers (SA), 6-4, 7-5.
BECKENHAM: Direct Line Insurance championships (GB unless stated): Men's singles: Third round: R Smith (Bel) bt G Rusedski (Can), 6-4, 7-6; G Doyle (Aus) bt M Knowles (Bah), 6-2, 6-4; N Brood (GB) bt T Hoe (US), 6-7, 6-3, 6-4; K Flach (US) bt A O'Brien (US), 6-4, 6-3. Women's singles: Second round: K Radford (Aus) bt K Nagatsuka (Japan), 6-2, 6-2; M Miyauchi (Japan) bt C Benjamin (US), 2-6, 6-4, 7-6; L Field (Aus) bt L Novello (Mex), 7-6, 6-4. Quarter-finals: M Feinen (Lux) bt G Sabatini (Arg), 1-6, 7-6, 10-8. Mixed doubles: Third round: E Reinach and D Visser (SA) bt N Zvereva (Belo) and M Kratzmann (Aus), 6-4, 6-4.
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YACHTING

WHITBREAD EUROPE RACE: Third stage (Cherbourg to Rotterdam, 260 miles): Provisional results: 1, New Zealand Enclevour (S Dalton, NZ); 2, Merit Cup (P Tellarini, Swiss) 3, La Poste (D Meilé, Fr), Whitbread 60 class: 1, Intrum Justitia (R Wrench, Swe); 2, Pescanova Galicia (J de la Gandara, Sp); 3, Brookfield (G Meisto, It). Open 60 class: 1, Ville de Cherbourg (H Mahe, Fr); 2, Ecureuil Poitou Charentes II (Jussieu, Fr); 3, Bagages Superior (A Gautier, Fr); 4, Global Challenger (T Bullimore, GB). Multihulls: 1, Fujicolour II (L Peyron, Fr) 2, Primagaz (L Bourgnon, Fr); 3, Fleury Michon XI (P Poupon, Fr).

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EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Sussex
MIDDLESBROUGH: Yorkshire v Glamorgan
RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of three): Fenner: Durham v Surrey. Swansea: Glamorgan v Yorkshire. Harrow: Middlesex v Leicestershire. Worthington Simpson, Newark: Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire. Taunton: Somerset v Lancashire. Hove: Sussex v Warwickshire. Other match: Canterbury: Kent II v England Under-19.
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of two): Wisbech: Cambridgeshire v Norfolk.

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: World championships (Birmingham).
CYCLING: Milk Race (from Thames Ditton to Welwyn Garden City).
TENNIS: Direct Line Insurance championships (Beckenham).

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SPRAG

(c) Australian transitive verb, to obstruct, thwart, accost truculently, pester, from earlier sense, to stop (a wheel) moving with a bar or chock, from *sprig* noun, such a bar or chock. ultimate origin unknown: D. R. Stuart, 1979: "This cove, Pommy, all mo. an' buck teeth, he sprags me an' Joey an' nothin'll do but he's gotta buy us grog."

CUTHBERT

(b) British derogatory noun, dated, for a man who deliberately avoids military service, especially in World War One, one who did so by getting a job in a Government office or the Civil Service, a conscientious objector, from the male personal name *Cuthbert*, used in a cartoon by "Poy" in the *London Evening News*, J. Cary, 1933: "All you Cuthberts are fit for is to dodge responsibility at the cost of other people's lives."

SHILL

(a) Mainly North American, a decoy or accomplice, especially one posing as an enthusiastic or successful customer to encourage other buyers, gamblers, etc.; probably an abbreviation of *shillaber* with the same meaning, origin unknown; J. Gray, 1971: "The commonest trap was for a shill to haunt Ninth Avenue disguised as a farm hand."

AMPSTER

(c) Australian slang for the accomplice or shill of a showman or trickster, planted in the audience to start the buying of tickets, goods, etc., perhaps short for *Amsterdam*, rhyming slang for "ram" = a trickster's accomplice. H. Porter, 1975: "A shady Soho club patronised by dips, ampsters, off-duty prostitutes."

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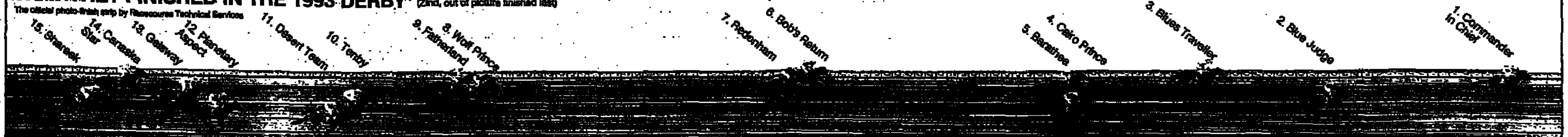


Commander In Chief provides solace

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

NIGEL MARPLE

Beginning of the end: the odds-on Derby favourite Tenby, centre, starts to falter soon after Tattenham Corner

COMMANDER in Chief provided Henry Cecil and Khaled Abdulla with a bitter-sweet victory in yesterday's Ever Ready Derby.

Rarely can a trainer and owner have experienced the full gamut of emotions within a classic race as they saw Tenby, their chief hope of Epsom glory, fade away disappointingly only for their second, less fancied horse to stride home for an unlikely success.

Within a matter of seconds, despair turned into elation as Commander in Chief, the son of Dancing Brave, the best horse never to win the Derby, surged clear in the hands of Michael Kinane.

Blue Judge and Blues Traveller, both 150-1 chances, followed home, a respectful 3½ and 2½ lengths behind to complete a bumper day for the bookmakers.

In their hour of victory, a look of bemusement was etched across the faces of the Saudi prince and his training king. Cecil, in particular, looked physically shocked as the helter skelter sensations of Derby victory and defeat sunk in.

As the 16 runners set off in a grey light, the eyes of Cecil, Abdulla and a majority of a widely-scattered crowd were focused on the distinguishing pink cap of Pat Eddery aboard Tenby.

For a mile all appeared well as the 5-4 on favourite and Blues Traveller tracked the front-running Bob's Return. Kinane, whose white cap signified Abdulla's second colours, was back in ninth place coming down the hill into Tattenham Corner, happy to steer clear of the hustle and bustle ahead of him.

In fact, Eddery already feared the worst long before he was swamped by rivals 2½ furlongs from the winning post.

"Tenby was rolling about like a drunk from halfway. His tongue was hanging out and I knew he would win nothing running down the hill," he explained afterwards.

"It is stupid to claim he did not stay; he was beaten too far from home. Perhaps, he has not completely got over the bout of colic.

"He seemed fine when I rode him last week but galloping and racing are poles apart. Everything has got to be right to win the Derby."

Blues Traveller, who had slightly impeded Tenby, led briefly but by now Kinane knew his first Derby victory was there for the taking.

"Turning for home, I saw Pat hit the panic button and knew he was not going to be in the shake-up and I knew then I would win."

The long-striding Commander in Chief, having only the fourth race of his career, devoured the ground once he was sent about his business in the short, downhill straight and, after leading at the two-furlong pole, defeat was unthinkable. Behind him, Barathea's suspect stamina gave way and less-fancied rivals struggled in vain. Only Cairo Prince finished with zip to snatch fourth place on the line.

Commander In Chief, too weak to race last season, is the first Derby winner since Morston in 1973 to have been unraced as a two-year-old.

Abdulla, who won the Derby in 1990 with Quest For Fame, said: "I thought Tenby was going to win, but I am equally pleased. It is a great moment."

He did not decide until Monday that Commander in Chief, rather than Armiger, would definitely line up alongside Tenby. "We always wanted to run two horses but which one, that was the question. It was always going to be decided by the ground."

Cecil, who tasted Derby glory with Slip Anchor in 1985 and Reference Point two years later, reflected: "I never compare my Derby winners. Any horse who wins a Derby is a very good friend. He should go on improving as he was backward last year. Let us hope he will make a King George and Queen Elizabeth Stakes horse."

Continuity is the theme of Abdulla's vast breeding empire and he has much to look forward to in the progeny of Commander in Chief's dam, Slightly Dangerous, who was herself second in the Oaks.

Cecil has a two-year-old full sister to the Derby winner, named Totality. In addition, Slightly Dangerous recently foaled a colt by Sadler's Wells, and her next mate will be the much-prized Danzig, based at Claiborne Farm in Kentucky.

At a subsequent stewards' enquiry into Tenby's poor running, Cecil said he was "extremely disappointed" with the favourite's performance. Eddery said Tenby had travelled well to the start and was his normal self, but was labouring six furlongs from home.

The veterinary officer told stewards that there was nothing clinically wrong with the colt after the race and he was not distressed. The stewards noted the explanations and ordered Tenby to be routinely tested.

On a happier note, Enharmonic provided the Queen with a Derby day winner on the fortieth anniversary of her Coronation. Trained by Lord Huntingdon and ridden by Frankie Dettori, the six-year-old was victorious in the Diomed Stakes.

☐ The paying attendance at Epsom yesterday was 42,861, up from 35,697 last year.

BIG RACE DETAILS

3.45 EVER READY DERBY (Group I: 3-Y-O: £447,580: 1m 4f 10yd)
COMMANDER IN CHIEF b or br c Dancing Brave - Slightly Dangerous (K Abdulla) 9-0 M J Kinane (15-2) 1.
Blue Judge b c Rainbow Quest - Water Splash (Maktoum Al-Maktoum) 9-0 B Raymond (150-1) 2.
Blues Traveller b c Bluebird - Natuschka (W Said) 9-0 D Holland (150-1) 3.
ALSO RAN: 4-5 fav Tenby, 8 Fatherland, 11 Barathea (5th), 15 Bob's Return (6th), 16 Planetary Aspect, 25 Desert Team, Geteway, 40 Wolf Prince, Shareek, 50 Cairo Prince (4th), 150 Redenham, Zind, 200 Canaska Star. 16 ran. 3½l, 2½l, 3l, sh hd, 5l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £9.00; £2.60, £18.80, £13.60. DF: £678.10. Trio: £13,430.40. CSF: £485.76. 2min 34.51sec. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

Hasty export of Dancing Brave

By Julian Muscat

THE only breeders celebrating Commander In Chief's brilliant Derby victory yesterday would have been disturbing the neighbours at a shade after midnight. The venue? Hokkaido island, in Japan.

There, among 20 other stallions owned by the Japan Racing Association (JRA), Dancing Brave will have been asleep in his box, unaware of the exploits of his son, Commander In Chief. Those at Epsom will have been rueing the one that got away.

It has become a cliche within the breeding community to despatch a hitherto disappointing stallion to Japan with the sentiment: "Oh well, he'll probably sire a good horse now that we've sold him." To say that about Dancing Brave is beginning to look like one of the great understatements.

Three days earlier, his son White Muzzle had annexed the Italian Derby; Wemyss Bight is one of the Oaks favourites and Regency similarly fancied for the French Derby on Sunday. Dancing Brave could have four classic winners in a week.

The reasons for Dancing Brave's sale to Japan are complex. He retired in 1987 to Shaikh Mohammed's Dalham Hall Stud in Newmarket after Khaled Abdulla sold a third of the horse to his Middle Eastern neighbour. The horse was subsequently syndicated in 45 shares and was to breed to roughly the same number of mares at £120,000 a time.

There were great expectations, but disaster struck only a month into the breeding season when Dancing Brave contracted Marie's Disease, a life-threatening condition. Breeders lost confidence in the horse and moved their choicely-bred mares to other stallions.

Four years later, Dancing Brave attracted fewer mares, even though his fee had plummeted, and it was no surprise when he was sent to Japan in 1991.

Ironically, Dancing Brave, who today stands at a fee of around £8,000, has not proved popular with Japanese breeders. That is sure to change.

Returning the stallion to Europe will almost certainly be commercially impossible. The JRA is heavily subsidised by profits from betting revenue and are in a strong financial position. Now that his merit has been established, Dancing Brave will have little difficulty raising a seven-figure sum annually for his owners.

There have been warnings that a truly top-class stallion would one day be exported to Japan before his merits had been properly established in Europe. Breeding thoroughbreds is expensive, but now the worst has happened. The fickle breeding community has shot itself in the foot.

EPSOM

THUNDERER

2.00 GREENBANK (nap)
2.30 The Bethanian
3.00 Peter Davies
3.40 User Friendly
4.10 Martina
4.45 Royal Dartmouth

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.00 PETER DAVIES (nap). 3.40 Opera House.

GOING: GOOD SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST; 1M, 114YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.00 NIGHTINGALL MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,590: 1m 2f 18yd) (9 runners)

101	(7)	0	CLEVER MINSTREL 19 (S Cohn) G Harwood 9-0	M Perrett	75
102	(8)	020	FABULOUS MTOTO 28 (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) D Elsworth 9-0	M Roberts	[illegible]
103	(5)	022-	FOOLS ERRAND 217 (Mrs D Russell) R Hannon 9-0	T Quinn	94
104	(9)	0-4	GREENBANK 20 (G Strawbridge) I Balding 9-0	L Dettori	95
105	(1)	6005-62	ICE REBEL 8 (J Horsbury) Miss B Sanders 9-0	W Newnes	95
106	(3)	00	MELLERIO 5 (Miss D Cohdie) G Lewis 9-0	D Harrison (3)	80
107	(4)	06-506	WARSPITE 19 (Lady Howard de Walden) P Walwyn 9-0	Pat Eddery	97
108	(2)	60	SING A RAINBOW 29 (K Clark) M Channon 8-9	A Munro	91
109	(6)	00-04	WINNING APPEAL 6 (W Hawkings) R Hannon 8-9	W R Swinburn	83

BETTING: 11-4 Greenbank, 3-1 Fools Errand, 7-2 Fabulous Mtoto, 7-1 Clever Minstrel, Ice Rebel, 10-1 others.

1992: SCRUTINEER 9-0 R Cochrane (6-4 fav) J Gosden 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

CLEVER MINSTREL 11l 7th of 14 to Mithl Al Gamar in a maiden at Lingfield (7f, good to firm). FABULOUS MTOTO neck 2nd of 14 to Top Cees in a maiden at Salisbury on penultimate start (1m, good).
FOOLS ERRAND 6l 2nd of 13 to Revere in a maiden at Nottingham (1m, good to soft). GREENBANK 6¾l 4th of 20 to Mistle Cat in a maiden at Newbury (1m, good), with MELLERIO (same terms) 7¾l 14th. ICE REBEL 1l 2nd of 6 to Sun Of Spring in a maiden at Brighton (1m 2f, firm). WARSPITE 5l 6th of 9 to Circus Colours in a handicap at Newbury (1m 4f, good). WINNING APPEAL 4¾l 4th of 11 to Dreams Are Free in a maiden at Salisbury (1m 2f, good to soft).
Selection: FABULOUS MTOTO

2.30 ENERGIZER BATTERY MAIDEN STAKES C4
(3-Y-O: £3,622: 6f) (9 runners)

201	(6)	20-4	DOMULLA 7 (A Boon) R Akehurst 9-0	T Quinn	94
202	(9)	604	TARTIB 19 (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 9-0	W Carson	[illegible]
203	(8)	23-	THE BETHANIAN 316 (J Bailey) W Muir 9-0	A Munro	80
204	(3)	65605-2	TONY'S MIST 8 (Mrs C Harrington) R Hannon 9-0	Pat Eddery	98
205	(2)	56-0	WILL'S LEGACY 58 (Miss J Anstee & Partners) G Lewis 9-0	D Harrison (3)	–
206	(7)	00	CHILI LADY 15 (A Schiff) P Makin 8-9	W R Swinburn	96
207	(5)	0	EISHRELA 15 (Devonia Stud) B Millman 8-9	J Williams	–
208	(1)	0	MIL BESOS 15 (Mrs D Hammerman) P Jones 8-9	G Duffield	–
209	(4)	55006-0	VILLAVINA 15 (Eurostar Ltd) S Dow 8-9	M Roberts	90

BETTING: 15-8 Tony's Mist, 11-4 Domulla, 4-1 The Bethanian, 6-1 Tartib, 8-1 Villavina, 12-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

DOMULLA 4¾l 4th of 9 to Sonara in a maiden at Brighton (7f, firm). TARTIB 4¾l 4th of 11 to Loch Patrick in a maiden at Lingfield (6f, good to firm). THE BETHANIAN 1¾l 3rd of 8 to Roger's Choice in a maiden auction at Redcar (5f, good to firm). TONY'S MIST neck 2nd of 12 to Just Jamie in a claimer at Salisbury (7f, good to soft). CHILI LADY 7l 8th of 11 to Palomelle in a maiden at Goodwood (7f, good to firm), with VILLAVINA (same terms) 3l 9th and EISHRELA (same terms) 6l 11th.
Selection: TARTIB

3.00 ENERGIZER CONDITIONS STAKES C4
(£4,558: 1m 114yd) (7 runners)

301	(2)	302-230	POWERFUL EDGE 20 (F) (J Smith) I Balding 4-9-4	T Quinn	98
302	(1)	232015-	NASHVILLE BLUES 237 (F,G) (Mrs S Bosher) J Hills 4-8-3	M Hills	84
303	(5)	000/004	DON'T GIVE UP 12 (B,F) (R Collard) R Bennett 5-9-2	N Varley (7)	60
304	(7)	11/00/2	PETER DAVIES 22 (F,G,S) (Lucayan Stud Ltd) D Loder 5-9-2	L Dettori	[illegible]
305	(4)	0-60400	ANATROCCOLO 9 (F,G) (Miss S Dare) R Bennett 6-9-1	W Newnes	50
306	(3)	044-01	DANNY BOY 17 (D,G) (I Twigden) R Hannon 3-8-9	Pat Eddery	79
307	(6)	41200-2	ZIMZALABIM 81 (F) (Mrs M Schneider) B Hills 3-8-7	W Carson	87

BETTING: 7-4 Peter Davies, 3-1 Powerful Edge, 9-2 Danny Boy, 13-2 Zimzalabim, 8-1 Nashville Blues, 33-1 Anatroccolo, Don't Give Up.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

POWERFUL EDGE 7¾l 8th of 10 to Swing Low in the group II Lockinge Stakes at Newbury (1m, good). Previously, ½l 2nd of 11 to Swing Low, demoted to 3rd, in a listed race at Leicester (7f, good).
NASHVILLE BLUES 3¾l 5th of 7 to Well Beyond in a listed race Ascot (1m, good to soft). PETER DAVIES ¾l 2nd of 5 to Casteddu in a conditions race at York (7f, good). DANNY BOY beat The Executor 2½l in a 15-runner maiden auction at Bath (1m, good).
ZIMZALABIM 8l 2nd of 3 to Newton's Law in a conditions race at Beverley (1m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: POWERFUL EDGE (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J Berry	9	34	26.5	W Carson	16	85	18.8
J Dunlop	4	18	22.2	M Roberts	17	107	15.9
P Walwyn	4	24	16.7	N Carlisle	3	19	15.8
R Akehurst	8	49	16.3	Pat Eddery	15	100	15.0
M Stoute	6	39	15.4	A Munro	5	39	12.8
D Elsworth	6	40	15.0	T Quinn	6	57	11.9

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.40 EVER READY CORONATION CUP C4
(Group I: £84,078: 1m 4f 10yd) (8 runners)

401	(5)	031-422	APPLE TREE 16 (B,D,S) (P de Moussac) A Fabre (Fr) 4-9-0	T Jarnet	98
402	(3)	0/0653-0	ENVIRONMENT FRIEND 19 (F,G) (W Gredley) N Wright 5-9-0	M Hills	90
403	(2)	2131-04	GARDEN OF HEAVEN 19 (D,G,S) (B Voak) C Brittain 4-9-0	T Quinn	91
404	(7)	15231-2	OPERA HOUSE 32 (D,F,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 5-9-0	M Roberts	96
405	(1)	4810-40	SILVER WISP 19 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs S Roberts) G Lewis 4-9-0	Pat Eddery	91
406	(4)	1/13-13	ZINAAD 26 (D,BF,F,G) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 4-9-0	W R Swinburn	94
407	(6)	1321-25	SPRING 21 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Lord Halifax) J Dunlop 4-8-11	W Carson	89
408	(8)	111126-	USER FRIENDLY 186 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (W Gredley) C Brittain 4-8-11	G Duffield	[illegible]

BETTING: 5-6 User Friendly, 13-2 Opera House, 7-1 Zinaad, 8-1 Apple Tree, 9-1 Environment Friend, 10-1 Spring, 12-1 Silver Wisp, 14-1 Garden Of Heaven.

1992: SADDLERS HALL 4-9-0 W R Swinburn (5-4 fav) M Stoute 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

APPLE TREE short-head 2nd of 9 to Modhish in the group II Prix Jean de Chaudenay at Saint-Cloud (1m 4f, good). ENVIRONMENT FRIEND 3¾l 3rd of 10 to Rodrigo De Triano in the group I Dubai Champion Stakes at Newmarket on final start last year (1m 2f, good to firm). GARDEN OF HEAVEN 5¾l 4th of 7 to George Augustus in the group II Tattersalls Gold Cup at the Curragh (1m 2f, yielding), with ENVIRONMENT FRIEND (3lb worse off) ¾l 6th and SILVER WISP (3lb worse off) ¾l 7th. OPERA HOUSE neck 2nd of 8 to Vert Amande in the group I Prix Ganay at Longchamp (1m 2f 110yd, heavy). ZINAAD 1¾l 3rd of 5 to Shambo in the group III Ormonde Stakes at Chester (1m 5f 89yd, good to firm). Previously, beat APPLE TREE (5lb better off) neck in the 8-runner group II Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket (1m 4f, good), with GARDEN OF HEAVEN 7th. SPRING 3¾l 5th of 8 to Assessor in the group II Yorkshire Cup at York (1m 6f, good). USER FRIENDLY neck 2nd of 18 to Subotica in the group I Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp on penultimate start last start (1m 4f, heavy). Previously, beat Sonus 3½l Sonus in the 7-runner group I St Leger at Doncaster (1m 6f 132yd, good to firm).
Selection: USER FRIENDLY

4.10 STANLEY WOOTTON HANDICAP C4
(£5,435: 5f) (12 runners)

501	(2)	4410-65	LOVE RETURNED 31 (D,F,G,S) (J Ratcliffe) W Jarvis 6-9-12	M Tebbutt	95
502	(3)	030-200	MISS VAXETTE 20 (D,F,S) (Vax Appliances Ltd) J Spearing 4-9-9	M Humphries (7)	97
503	(5)	064346-	VERY DICEY 165 (D,F,G) (Mrs H Levy) W Muir 5-9-9	W Woods	95
504	(7)	1/4005-	BORN TO BE 261 (D,F) (J Redmond) S Dow 4-9-7	M Roberts	89
505	(10)	0000-00	LETSBEONESTABOUTIT 15 (F,S) (S Roots) G Lewis 7-9-6	B Russell (7)	[illegible]
506	(6)	001010	MARTINA 19 (D,F,G,S) (Laurel (Leisure) Ltd) G Lewis 5-9-4	D Harrison (3)	98
507	(1)	321-815	PEERAGE PRINCE 9 (B,D,BF,F,G) (D Hobbs) Pat Mitchell 4-9-3	A Munro	93
508	(8)	000-206	SOBER LAD 14 (B,D,G) (F Viner) J Berry 3-9-1	T Quinn	95
509	(9)	5060-00	GALLANT HOPE 17 (B,CD,F,G) (Mrs N DeSelz) L Cottrell 11-7-13	D McCabe (7)	96
510	(12)	500099-	MIAMI BANKER 226 (B,CD,G,S) (J Anassi) P Howling 7-7-13	N Carlisle	94
511	(4)	500955	TEE-EMM 14 (G) (R Carey) P Howling 3-7-11	C Rutter	98
512	(11)	400-002	STOCKTINA 5 (D,G) (Mrs M Fairbairn) B Meehan 6-7-7	J Quinn	90

Long handicap: Stocktina 6-11.

BETTING: 5-1 Martina, Sober Lad, 7-1 Miss Vaxette, Peerage Prince, 8-1 Love Returned, 10-1 Tee-Emm, 12-1 Gallant Hope, Letsbeonestaboutit, Stocktina, 14-1 others.

1992: ALLTHRUTHENIGHT 3-9-3 J Reid (14-1) L Holt 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

MISS VAXETTE 5¾l 8th of 20 to So Sedgio in a handicap at Thirsk (5f, soft). MARTINA 6l 18th of 21 to Everglades in a handicap at Newbury (6f, good). Previously, beat Sir Tasker 1¾l in an 8-runner claimer at Doncaster (5f, good), with LOVE RETURNED (10lb better off) 2l 5th. PEERAGE PRINCE beat Maid Welcome 1l in a 9-runner handicap Southwell on penultimate start (AW, 5f, standard). SOBER LAD 4¾l 6th of 10 to Walk The Beat in a claimer at Goodwood (6f, good to firm). TEE-EMM 4¾l 5th of 15 to Barbezieux in an apprentices' handicap at Goodwood (5f, good), with STOCKTINA (10lb worse off) 2¾l 7th.
Selection: MARTINA

4.45 STAFF INGHAM HANDICAP (£3,915: 1m 114yd) (12 runners)

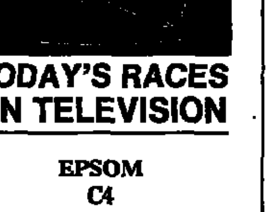
601	(11)	11600-0	BLOCKADE 34 (D,F,G,S) (A Warrender) M Bell 4-10-0	M Hills	90
602	(9)	00-5306	MERLINS WISH 8 (V,F) (J Lazzari) R Hannon 4-9-12	Pat Eddery	94
603	(7)	4-00008	DASWAKI 15 (F,G,S) (D Allen) G Moore 5-9-4	B Rouse	97
604	(10)	310-620	WAHEM 12 (F) (F Katta) C Britain 3-8-13	M Roberts	90
605	(12)	510015	NOBBY BARNES 15 (BF,G) (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 4-8-9	L Piggott	95
606	(6)	23-4413	PROUD BRIGADIER 7 (D,BF,G) (M Lawrence) M Channon 5-8-8	T Quinn	97
607	(3)	0-45306	SALBYNG 15 (D,G,S) (Mrs P Jubert) J Hills 5-8-7	L Dettori	[illegible]
608	(5)	0423-01	KINGCHIP BOY 15 (V,D,F,G) (Four Jays Racing Partnership) M Ryan 4-8-5	D Biggs	95
609	(4)	0620-20	ROYAL DARTMOUTH 35 (D,F,S) (Axminster Ltd) B Millman 8-8-0	D Harrison (3)	93
610	(2)	4040-11	DEEVEE 7 (F) (D Tanner) C Benstead 4-7-13 (4ex)	G Duffield	96
611	(8)	35-3085	DANCING BEAU 16 (G) (L Lazarus) S Dow 4-7-11	F Norton	95
612	(1)	05-4514	DANCING SENSATION 16 (BF,F) (Chelgate Ltd) R Akehurst 6-7-7	J Quinn	94

BETTING: 6-1 Proud Brigadier, 7-1 Dancing Sensation, Daswaki, Deevee, Nobby Barnes, 8-1 Kingchip Boy, Merlins Wish, 10-1 Royal Dartmouth, 12-1 Salbyng, Wahem, 14-1 Dancing Beau, 16-1 Blockade.

1992: VANROY 8-8-2 S Whitworth (7-1) J Jenkins 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

MERLINS WISH 5¾l 6th of 13 to Morocco in a handicap at Newbury (7f 64yd, good to soft). WAHEM neck 2nd of 11 to Shemaq in a handicap at Newmarket on penultimate start (1m, good). NOBBY BARNES beat Langtry Lady ½l in a 20-runner handicap at Kempton on penultimate start (1m, good). PROUD BRIGADIER beat Credit Squeeze 3l in an 18-runner handicap at Bath on penultimate start (1m, good). KINGCHIP BOY beat Troopang a short head in a 17-runner handicap at Goodwood (1m, good to firm), with DASWAKI (2lb better off) a neck 3rd, NOBBY BARNES (1lb better off) 1¾l 5th and SALBYNG 3l 6th. DEEVEE beat North Esk a short head in a 9-runner handicap at Brighton (1m, firm), with PROUD BRIGADIER (3lb better off) 5l 3rd. DANCING SENSATION 3¾l 4th of 20 to Reflecting in a handicap at Goodwood (1m 1f, good to firm), with DANCING BEAU (1l worse off) 1¾l 5th.
Selection: DASWAKI



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

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2.30: Domulla, trained locally by Reg Akehurst, can take this moderate contest following an encouraging first run of the season at Brighton seven days ago. The Bethanian is speedy and should like the track, while Tartib ran his best race last time out.

3.00: Only three can be seriously fancied in this unusual conditions race, which excludes winners of decent races since February 1991, and penalises lower grade successes. Peter Davies is seeking his first victory since winning the Racing Post Trophy as a two-year-old, and ran promisingly behind Casteddu at Newmarket. Zimzalabim worked impressively with Barry Hills's Derby runner, Blues Traveller, here on Monday morning. But preference is for **Powerful Edge**, who has been running well in listed and group company.

3.40: User Friendly, last season's Oaks and St Leger winner, is the clear form choice but lacks a run this season. Michael Stoute sent out the first and second last year, and aims for a repeat today. Zinaad, who beat Apple Tree in the Jockey Club Stakes, can confirm his superiority despite being 5lb worse off for a neck, but may have to give second best to his stable companion **Opera House**, who failed narrowly to land the group one Prix Ganay a month ago.

4.10: Born To Be is nicely drawn and it may be worth taking a chance with his fitness on his seasonal debut. Simon Dow's sprinter won first time out last year. Peerage Prince arguably has better form, but is badly drawn, and Very Dicey could prove the main danger.

Richard Evans

BEVERLEY

THUNDERER

2.20 Mena. 2.55 Touch Above. 3.25 Grotto Pool. 4.00 Anna Of Saxony. 4.35 Humber's Supreme. 5.10 Jura Forest.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.25 Grotto Pool.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.25 OCHOS RIOS.

GOING: GOOD SIS
DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.20 BRANTINGHAM RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,950: 1m 100yd) (6)

1	0206	BARSAL 2 J Parkes 9-0	Dean McKeown 1
2	60-6	DESERT CHALLENGER 56 A Stewart 9-0	A McGlone 2
3	03-8	MUTAKALLAM 19 H Thomson Jones 9-0	R Hills 3
4	0-60	ALTA VICTORIA 17 (BF) R Charlton 8-9	R Cochrane 6
5	643-	MENA 240 J Payne 8-9	G Carter 5
6	3-00	STYLISH ROSE 19 P Cheesbrough 8-9	J Lowe 4

5-4 Alta Victoria, 2-1 Mutakallam, 5-1 Mena, 7-1 Desert Challenger, 12-1 others.

2.55 TOUCH ABOVE HANDICAP
(£3,028: 1m 1f 207yd) (10)

1	010-	SUNTAN 255 (F,S) R O'Leary 4-10-0	M Birch 8
2	-131	SUPERTOP 26 (CD,F,G) P Harris 5-9-7	Paul Eddery 4
3	4211	DELPIOMBO 6 (G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-9-6 (5ex)	K Fallon 10
4	-020	EMPEROR ALEXANDER 6 (D,G) J Glover 5-9-4	S D Williams (3) 2
5	0-21	MISBELIEF 9 (F) J Fanshawe 3-9-0 (5ex)	G Carter 7
6	0502	TOUCH ABOVE 7 (CD,F) T Barron 7-8-4	R Cochrane 9
7	3060/	INFERRING 13J J Wainwright 5-8-3	L Charnock 1
8	2201	SHARQUIN 2 (D,F,G) M Brittain 6-8-0 (5ex)	K Darley 6
9	2106	RED INDIAN 28 (CD,F,G) W Haigh 7-7-12	Dale Gibson 5
10	5641	COOL ENOUGH 7 (C,F,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 12-7-8 (5ex)	A Mackay 3

7-4 Misbelief, 4-1 Delpiombo, 5-1 Touch Above, 7-1 Supertop, 8-1 Cool Enough, 12-1 Sharquin, 14-1 Red Indian, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 14 winners from 36 runners, 38.9%; P Harris, 3 from 9, 33.3%; J Fanshawe, 5 from 19, 26.3%; B Hills, 6 from 30, 20.0%; H Thomson Jones, 3 from 17, 17.6%.

JOCKEYS: J Reid, 5 winners from 19 rides, 26.3%; S D Williams, 3 from 13, 23.1%; D Holland, 10 from 53, 18.9%; P Robinson, 6 from 33, 18.2%; W Ryan, 14 from 83, 16.9%.

3.25 GRP MASSEY TWO-YEAR-OLD TROPHY CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £6,512: 5f) (9)

1	11	HIGH DOMAIN 6 (D,G,S) M McCormack 9-2	J Reid 1
2	21	GROTTO POOL 15 (D,F) J Toller 8-12	P Robinson 6
3	01	MISTER BLOY 12 (D,S) J Berry 8-12	J Carroll 9
4	1251	OCHOS RIOS 3 (CD,F,G) B Rothwell 8-12	J Fortune 3
5	410	TOP SHOW 3 (D,G) K Hogg 8-12	J Lowe 2
6	21	BOLD ARISTOCRAT 63 (D,G) R Hollinshead 8-10	S Perks 5
7	0010	HILTONS TRAVEL 22 (V,D,S) E Alston 8-10	S Webster 4
8	01	PETE AFRIQUE 8 (S) M W Easterby 8-10	K Darley 7
9	2	WARTHILL WHISPERS 12 M Brittain 8-5	G Carter 8

2-1 Grotto Pool, 5-2 High Domain, 9-2 Ochos Rios, 8-1 Bold Aristocrat, 10-1 Pete Afrique, 12-1 Mister Bloy, 14-1 Top Show, 20-1 others.

4.00 108th YEAR OF THE WATT MEMORIAL CONDITIONS STAKES (£3,625: 1m 3f 216yd) (3)

1	410-	BALNIBARBI 221 (G,S) H Cecil 4-8-12	W Ryan 1
2	6535-	BOLD PURSUIT 222 (F) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-8-11	K Fallon 3
3	20-1	ANNA OF SAXONY 12 (D,G,S) J Gosden 4-8-9	J Reid 2

10-11 Anna Of Saxony, 6-4 Balnibarbi, 4-1 Bold Pursuit.

4.35 FIGHAM APPRENTICE MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£1,725: 5f) (9)

1	4222	CLANROCK 6 (V) R Whitaker 3-10-0	G Parkin (3) 8
2	-432	GUSSIE FINK-NOTTLE 64 T Barron 3-10-0	V Halliday 3
3	-530	GROGFRYN 38 J Berry 3-10-0	Ruth Coulter (5) 7
4	4034	LIDA'S DELIGHT 12 M W Easterby 3-9-12	P Johnson (5) 1
5	0-25	HUMBER'S SUPREME 13 (B) B Rothwell 3-9-10	P McCabe (3) 6
6	0-40	LUCKY MILL 43 F Lee 3-9-5	D Wright 4
7	-260	MISS BRIGHTSIDE 10 A Smith 5-9-0	G Forster 5
8	-000	NORDOORA 10 J Harris 4-8-12	G Strange (5) 9
9	0-50	BECKYHANNAH 8 R Bastiman 3-8-9	H Bastiman 2

3-1 Humber's Supreme, 4-1 Miss Brightside, 5-1 Clanrock, 6-1 Gussie Fink-Nottle, 7-1 Lida's Delight, 10-1 Lucky Mill, 12-1 Nordoora, 14-1 others.

5.10 ETTON MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,435: 1m 100yd) (9)

1	00	GREY ANCONA 8 C Tinkler 4-9-7	M Wood 2
2	63-	MURID 263 R Lamb 4-9-7	K Darley 8
3	5503	CIVIL LAW 8 R Hollinshead 3-8-10	W Ryan 3
4	3-	JAMAICA BRIDGE 188 Jimmy Fitzgerald 3-8-10	K Fallon 7
5	03	JURA FOREST 12 J Fanshawe 3-8-10	P Robinson 1
6	0-00	SHALAKO 2 K Hogg 3-8-10	L Aspell (7) 5
7	4-63	SOLOMON'S DANCER 31 W Haigh 3-8-10	Dean McKeown 9
8	0-4	FLASHELLA 16 J Hetherton 3-8-5	J Lowe 6
9	2-5	LANDRAIL 29 B Hills 3-8-5	D Holland 4

6-4 Jura Forest, 5-2 Landrail, 5-1 Civil Law, 7-1 Flashella, 8-1 Jamaica Bridge, 12-1 Solomon's Dancer, 14-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Epsom: 4.45 Merlins Wish.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S AFTERNOON MEETINGS

Epsom

Going: good

2.15 (6f) 1, MOCCASIN RUN (L Dettori, 4-1); 2, Queensbird (M J Kinane, 9-4 fav); 3, Chickawicka (50-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Silver Wedge (4th), 5 Prince Azzaan, 10 Peter Rowley (5th), 11 Connect (6th), 20 Alpine Skier. 8 ran. 1½l, 2l, 2½l, 3l, 3½l. I Balding at Kingsclere. Tote: £5.20; £1.80, £1.40, £5.70. DF: £6.20. Trio: £61.00 CSF: £12.38. 1min 9.92sec.

2.45 (1m 114yd) 1, ENHARMONIC (L Dettori, 12-1); 2, Thourios (T Quinn, 11-2); 3, Zaahi (W Carson, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Swing Low (6th), 4 Humam (4th), 15-2 Stubass (5th), 12 Tik Fa, 40 Rocality. 8 ran. Hd, 3l, 2l, ¾l, 3½l. Lord Huntingdon at West Ilsley. Tote: £15.80; £2.60, £2.20, £1.60. DF: £53.80. Trio: £57.50. CSF: £67.06. 1min 44.04sec.

3.45 see above.

4.35 (5f) 1, EL YASAF (D Holland, 12-1); 2, Terrhars (R Perham, 12-1); 3, Cradle Days (M Roberts, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Farleku, 7 Poyle George (5th), Ashtina, 9 Laurel Delight (6th), Bunty Boo, 14 Olifantsfontein, 16 Anselman, 20 Boden, 25 Sigama (4th), Paston Lady. 13 ran. 1¾l, 2l, nk, sh hd, sh hd. T Naughton at Epsom. Tote: £14.70; £3.70, £4.90, £2.40. DF: £116.90. Trio: £497.40. CSF: £129.32. Tricast: £1,219.03. 56sec.

5.10 (1m 2f 18yd) 1, FIELDRIDGE (Pat Eddery, 10-1); 2, Rose Alto (W R Swinburn, 11-2 fav); 3, Talent (A Munro, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Royal Seaton (4th), 7 Pharly Story (5th), 8 Neptune's Pet (6th), Knock Knock, 10 Barford Lad, Risk Master, 12 Double Flutter, Camden's Ransom, 50 The Power Of One. 12 ran. Sh hd, hd, 1½l, hd, 2½l. C Brooks at Lambourn. Tote: £10.10; £2.70, £2.50, £3.40. DF: £28.50. Trio: £159.50. CSF: £58.08. Tricast: £607.87. 2min 7.18sec.

5.45 (7f) 1, NORTHERN BIRD (D Holland, 5-1); 2, Embankment (W R Swinburn, 8-1); 3, Mr Vincent (D Harrison, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Simply Finesse, 15-2 Moon Over Miami, 8 Fourforfun (4th), Brown's (5th), 12 Umbubuzi, 14 Aradanza (6th). 9 ran. Nk, hd, hd, ¾l, ½l. B Hills at Lambourn. Tote: £6.40; £2.20, £2.10, £2.40. DF: £24.70. Trio: £98.90. CSF: £40.38. Tricast: £412.64. 1min 23.12sec.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £24,192.64 carried forward to Epsom today).
Placepot: £4,228.40.

Yarmouth

Going: good

2.30 (1m 3yd) 1, Link River (G Hind, 5-2); 2, Gone Troppo (4-9 fav); 3, Shahaada (25-1). 5 ran. 3½l, 7l. J Gosden. Tote: £2.70; £1.10, £1.10. DF: £1.30. CSF: £3.74.

3.00 (1m 3yd) 1, Karinska (G Duffield, 6-1); 2, Sooty Tern (8-1); 3, Shon Encounter (50-1); 4, Strike-A-Pose (9-2). Foolish Touch 4-1 fav. 19 ran. NR: Marat. ¾l, 1l. M Prescott. Tote: £4.70; £1.40, £1.40, £13.60, £2.80. DF: £14.70. CSF: £43.34. Tricast: £1,583.05.

3.30 (7f 3yd) 1, Pondicherry (W Woods, 9-1); 2, Surfina (7-1); 3, Ball Gown (6-1) Tread Carefully 6-4 fav. 7 ran. 3½l, 1½l. S Woods. Tote: £13.10; £5.00, £2.20. DF: £48.10. CSF: £58.33.

4.05 (6f 3yd) 1, Prince Songline (W Woods, 9-2); 2, Miss Gorgeous (14-1); 3, Juliet Bravo (5-2 fav). 9 ran. NR: Dailysportdutch. 1½l, ½l. R Boss. Tote: £7.60; £1.90, £2.40, £2.00. DF: £35.20. CSF: £57.75. Tricast: £175.64.

4.40 (6f 3yd) 1, First Trump (M Hills, 5-4 fav); 2, The Flying Phantom (20-1); 3, Icy Hot (7-2). 9 ran. 1l, sh hd. G Wragg. Tote: £2.70; £1.20, £2.80, £1.70. DF: £76.70. CSF: £26.17.

5.15 (1m 6f 17yd) 1, Mirzyan (J Quinn, 5-1); 2, Julfaar (16-1); 3, Doyce (9-2). Father Hayes 2-1 fav. 10 ran. Sh hd, hd. J Banks. Tote: £7.00; £1.90, £2.40, £1.50. DF: £74.30. CSF: £78.64.

5.50 (1m 2f 21yd) 1, Lexus (Sarah Thompson, 3-1); 2, Dots Dee (50-1); 3, Western Dynasty (11-4 fav). 10 ran. ½l, 2½l. R Williams. Tote: £2.80; £1.80, £7.40, £1.20. DF: £63.80. CSF: £99.58. Tricast: £424.01.

Placepot: £91.50.

Uttoxeter

Going: good to firm

2.20 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Braida Boy (M P Fitzgerald, 7-1); 2, Il Bambino (13-2); 3, Brabiner Lad (5-1). Major Bush 4-1 fav. 9 ran. NR: Belled Ruler, Prospect Of Whitby. 10l, 3½l. M Bradstock. Tote: £7.50; £2.30, £1.70, £2.50. DF: £12.00. CSF: £45.93.

2.50 (3m 2f ch) 1, Spy Hill (J Burke, 8-1); 2, Carrickrovaddy (1-2 fav); 3, Solicitor's Choice (8-1). 6 ran. NR: Jimmy O'Dea. 2½l, 8l. Mrs S Bramall. Tote: £11.60; £2.00, £1.20. DF: £3.50. CSF: £12.47.

3.25 (2m hdle) 1, Hello Mam (M Brennan, 11-8 fav); 2, Ambassador Royale (2-1); 3, Ten Deep (8-1). 6 ran. ¾l, nk. O Brennan. Tote: £2.10; £1.30, £1.30. DF: £1.70. CSF: £4.51. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

4.00 (2m 5f ch) 1, Comedy Road (L Harvey, 9-1); 2, Wigtown Bay (3-1); 3, Lapatie (6-1). Catch The Cross 2-1 fav. 7 ran. 2½l, 15l. R Lee. Tote: £12.30; £2.70, £2.10. DF: £23.60. CSF: £36.39.

4.30 (2m 5f ch) 1, Tara Boy (Mr D Barlow, 9-4 fav); 2, Lord Fawsley (3-1); 3, Oh Mother (8-1). 11 ran. NR: Alalcbrun. Nk, 6l. W Francis. Tote: £2.40; £1.50, £1.80, £2.80. DF: £3.60. CSF: £9.68.

5.00 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Sacrosanct (J Railton, 6-4 fav); 2, Arr Eff Bee (16-1); 3, Celtic Breeze (6-1). 7 ran. NR: Rose Tableau. Nk, 3l. K Bailey. Tote: £2.20; £1.10, £5.30. DF: £18.70. CSF: £21.55. Tricast: £106.14.

Placepot: £32.80.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: MISBELIEF
(2.55 Beverley)

Next best: Jura Forest
(5.10 Beverley)

Tuesday's late results

Sandown Park

Going: firm

6.25 (1m 14yd) 1, Mougins (A Procter, 8-1); 2, Regalsett (5-1); 3, Flaba (33-1). Anusha 100-30 fav. 11 ran. NR: Fanlight. 2l, nk. D Elsworth. Tote £10.10; £2.30, £2.00, £10.80. DF: £21.00. Trio £235.60. CSF: £42.57.

6.55 (1m 3f 91yd) 1, Mr Copyforce (Antoinette Armes, 50-1); 2, Solartica (13-2); 3, Moon Carnival (11-2 fav). 15 ran. 3½l, sh hd. Miss B Sanders. Tote: £98.20; £11.80, £2.00, £2.10. DF: £2,674.20. Trio: not won. CSF: £327.13. Tricast: £1,917.22.

7.25 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Red Bishop (M Roberts, 5-4 fav); 2, Highland Dress (7-2); 3, Half A Tick (16-1). 5 ran. NR: Garden Of Heaven. ¾l, ½l. J Gosden. Tote: £2.10; £1.10, £1.70. DF: £2.80. CSF: £5.43.

7.55 (5f 6yd) 1, Redoubtable (T Quinn, 4-5 fav); 2, Risky (2-1); 3, Fast Eddy (12-1). 5 ran. Hd, 2½l. R Hannon. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £1.50. DF: £1.60. CSF: £2.64.

8.25 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Black Dragon (M Roberts, 13-2); 2, Winged Victory (8-11 fav); 3, Arkaan (6-1). 12 ran. NR: Joy Of Freedom. Nk, 1½l. B Hills. Tote: £6.10; £1.70, £1.20, £1.80. DF: £4.50. Trio: £4.60. CSF: £11.21. 2min 9.36sec.

8.55 (1m 6f) 1, Pharamineux (T Quinn, 4-1 fav); 2, Muse (8-1); 3, Alqarawaan (12-1). 15 ran. NR: Majestic Image, Admiral's Secret, Seek The Pearl. Hd, 1¾l. R Akehurst. Tote: £4.60; £1.80, £3.10, £4.70. DF: £9.20. CSF: £32.85. Tricast: £322.16.

Placepot: £42.10.

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Igglesden's injury brings back ominous memories of England's Ashes crash of 1989

Manchester rain puts grim Gooch in a spin

Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, looks at the prospects for a first Test match in which the Old Trafford pitch is likely to hold the key

IF THE first Test match starts on time in Manchester this morning, which is by no means guaranteed, the first day of the Ashes series should provide riveting viewing. The Old Trafford pitch is wet enough to suggest that the toss will be crucial, because whoever loses it will be batting in conditions alien to the modern cricketer.

Allan Border, the Australian captain, was yesterday moved to describe the unusual situation as "tragic". Graham Gooch, more prosaic by nature, admitted that "runs will be at a premium". But the England captain then voiced the layman's view by adding: "The beauty of this game is encountering and adapting to different conditions — and these could be very different." With the weather forecast uncertain for the whole game, the immediate issue for England to resolve is what type of bowling will be most effective as the rain-sodden pitch begins to dry. Gooch inclines towards a balanced attack, with two spin bowlers to exploit a type of surface rendered almost extinct by full covering.

Even before that decision could be made, however, a change was forced on England's seam bowling. Alan Igglesden, due to play his second Test four years after his first, sustained a thigh strain yesterday during an indoor fielding practice and Phillip DeFreitas was added to the party.

Australia will probably include a third quicker bowler in Brendon Julian, ahead of a second spin bowler, and Michael Slater has won his contest with Matt Hayden and will open the innings with Mark Taylor. The Waugh twins, 28 yesterday, will occupy numbers five and six in the batting to the exclusion of Damien Martyn.

Yesterday, however, the players were upstaged by the pitch. It was a slate-grey morning in Lancashire, Lowry-like in its gloom, and as the Old Trafford groundstaff fretted around their giant inflatable cover, the England party headed off through the maze of an industrial park to a leisure centre.

There, amid the pinball machines and the pool tables, England had a practice session that, for Igglesden at least, was calamitous.

Working indoors in summertime seldom achieves anything other than filling an idle morning. The Australians scorned the facilities, waiting for the appearance of some watery sunshine at lunchtime to have a loosener on the Old Trafford outfield.

Australia are unbeaten in their last 13 Tests against England and, by avoiding defeat here, would equal the record sequence for either country in Ashes Tests.

Igglesden's injury may have occurred anywhere, and if he has a weakness, far better that it should be exposed before rather than during the game. It is, though, an ominous reminder of the 1989 Ashes series in which England were never able to field their originally selected team. Twenty-nine players were called up that summer, Igglesden, ironically, being the last of them.

The reappearance of DeFreitas, who was about to drive to the Oval with Lancashire for a county championship match, is fortunate for a player who had a wretched winter tour. It is also potentially confusing for England, as if it is decided to play only three seam bowlers, they now have to choose between experience and potential, the familiar and the untried.

It would be illogical to omit Mark Ilott, having selected him ahead of DeFreitas for his recent form and the variety he would provide as a left-armer, but conservatism could dictate as much.

Gooch was not talking in conservative terms, however. Perched on a bar-stool and anxiously breaking off to ensure that at least somebody stayed behind to give him yet more batting practice, he was forthcoming on the pitch, the series, his own form and the captaincy.

"I have looked at the pitch and it's wet," he said simply. "This is normally the quickest pitch in England, but it will be slow now, and runs will be hard to come by. We will want to have another look in the morning, but the option of two spinners is still attractive."

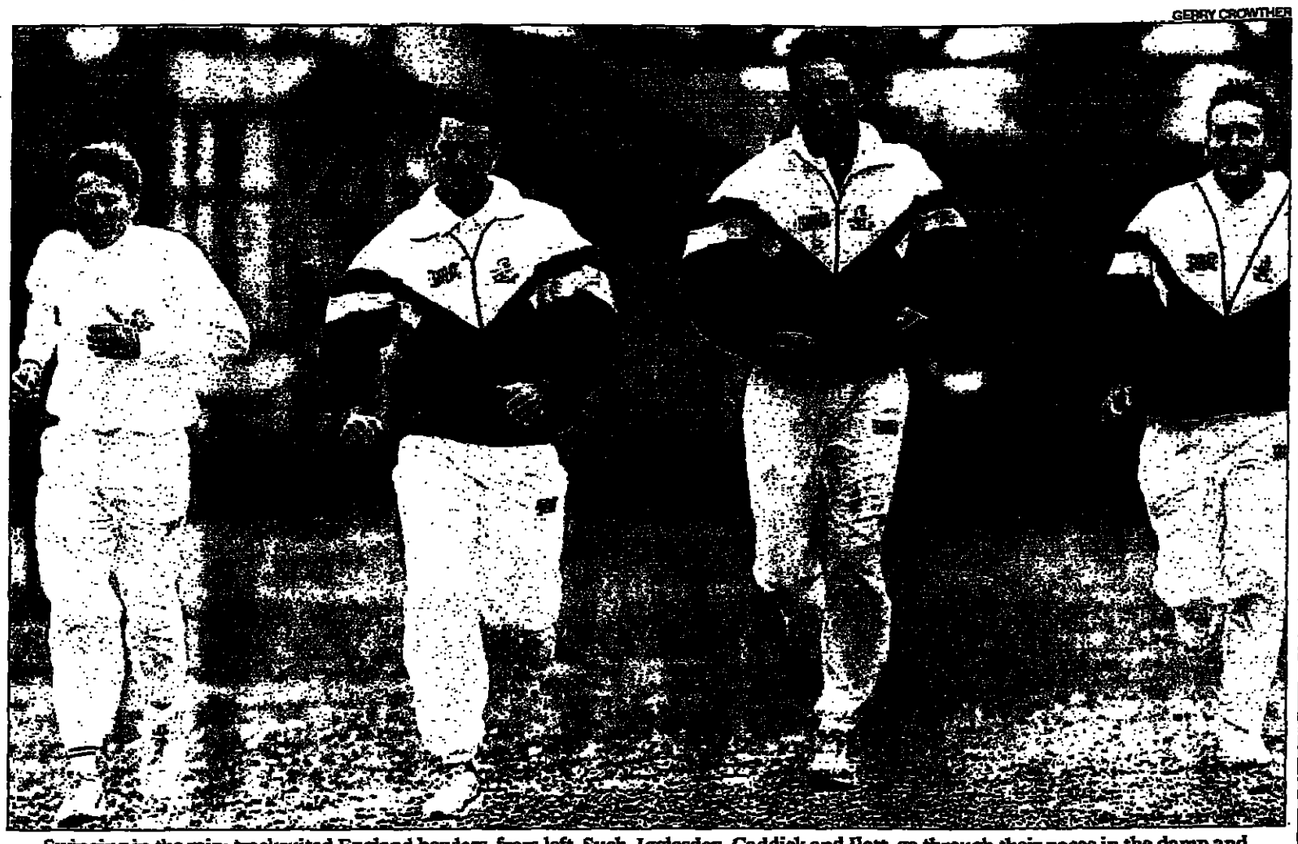
Gooch called the Ashes series "the one every Englishman dreams of winning", and emphasised his faith in his much-maligned players. "We have the talent to compete with the very best in the world," he said. "But we have had a bad trot and we have got to get our act together."

"I am not 100 per cent happy with my batting simply because I have not played enough innings. I played in the second team last week to get another game in and, like any batsman, I would be happier with two or three hundreds under my belt." Smiling wryly, he added: "But I did get 50 not out at Southend on Monday. Can you make a headline of that? It was in a benefit match against a restaurant team!" The solemn expression returned for the issue of the captaincy, much under examination, as was inevitable once the England committee had committed the folly of reappointing Gooch for only three of the six Tests. "I would like to do enough early on to prove I can still do the job," he said. "But it is not my decision. I can only do my best."

Such a simple phrase does no justice to the ambition Gooch has nursed since losing 3-0 in Australia two years ago. Winning this series amounts to a final mission, an elusive peak in a career full of conquests. Despite the bookmaker's odds, despite Craig McDermott, despite the 12 years since England last won a Test in Manchester, I believe he has a good chance of taking the lead in the next few days.

☐ India will play three Test matches and three one-day internationals during their five-week tour of Sri Lanka in July and August. The Tests will be played at Kandy (July 17-22), Moratuwa (July 27-August 1) and Colombo (August 4-9). The limited-overs matches will be played on July 25, August 12 and 14.

GERRY CROWTHER



Swinging in the rain: tracksuited England bowlers, from left, Such, Igglesden, Caddick and Ilott, go through their paces in the damp and cold of Old Trafford yesterday. The unfortunate Igglesden later strained a thigh muscle in training and made himself doubtful for the Test

TEAMS

ENGLAND (from): G A Gooch (captain), M A Atherton, M W Gatting, R A Smith, G A Hick, A J Stewart, C C Lewis, A R Caddick, P A J DeFreitas, M C Ilott, P C R Tufnell, P M Such, A P Igglesden.
AUSTRALIA (from): A R Border (captain), M A Taylor, M J Slater, D C Boon, M E Waugh, S R Waugh, I A Healy, B P Julian, M G Hughes, S K Warne, C J McDermott, T B A May, D R Martyn.
Umpires: H D Bird and K E Palmer.

TEST AVERAGES OF OLD TRAFFORD SQUADS

England — batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/st
M A Atherton	23	43	1	1374	151	32.71	3	9	23
P A J DeFreitas	32	48	4	550	55*	12.50	-	1	8
M W Gatting	72	125	14	4136	207	37.26	9	20	54
G A Gooch	101	183	6	7620	333	43.05	17	41	97
G A Hick	15	25	0	716	178	28.64	1	3	27
A P Igglesden	1	1	1	2	2*	-	-	-	1
C C Lewis	18	27	1	719	117	27.65	1	3	17
R A Smith	40	74	14	2954	148*	49.23	8	20	29
A J Stewart	26	48	4	1705	190	38.75	4	8	32/2
P C R Tufnell	13	19	11	53	22*	6.62	-	-	4

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5i	10m
M A Atherton	61	11	282	1	282.00	1-60	-	-
P A J DeFreitas	1124.4	268	3092	93	33.24	7-70	3	-
M W Gatting	125.2	29	317	4	79.25	1-14	-	-
G A Gooch	382.3	109	894	22	40.63	3-39	-	-
G A Hick	215.5	55	548	14	39.00	4-126	-	-
A P Igglesden	37	3	148	3	49.66	2-91	-	-
C C Lewis	634	138	1830	50	36.60	6-111	2	-
R A Smith	4	2	6	0	-	-	-	-
P C R Tufnell	583.2	163	1507	45	33.48	7-47	4	1

Australia — batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/st
D C Boon	74	135	14	5314	200	43.91	14	24	74
A R Border	141	243	42	10262	205	51.05	25	60	140
I A Healy	47	71	5	1434	71	21.72	-	7	146/7
M G Hughes	45	62	7	923	72*	16.78	-	2	22
D R Martyn	5	9	1	244	74	30.50	-	2	1
T B A May	8	12	5	139	42*	19.71	-	-	1
C J McDermott	47	66	8	691	42*	11.91	-	-	11
P R Reiffel	4	5	0	44	18	8.80	-	-	2
M A Taylor	40	74	5	3160	218	45.79	8	19	50
S K Warne	11	18	3	185	35	12.33	-	-	8
M E Waugh	21	34	2	1063	139*	33.21	3	5	30
S R Waugh	52	80	11	2503	177*	36.27	4	15	38
T J Zoehrer	10	14	2	246	52*	20.50	-	1	18/1

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5i	10m
D C Boon	3	2	5	0	-	-	-	-
A R Border	623.1	177	1464	38	38.52	7-46	2	1
M G Hughes	1681.1	408	4935	177	27.88	8-87	6	1
D R Martyn	1	1	0	0	-	-	-	-
T B A May	353.4	91	945	32	29.53	5-9	1	-
C J McDermott	1808.5	351	5612	198	28.34	8-97	9	2
P R Reiffel	131	40	330	7	47.14	2-27	-	-
M A Taylor	4	2	15	0	-	-	-	-
S K Warne	373.3	113	955	31	30.80	7-52	1	-
M E Waugh	188	38	503	16	31.43	4-80	-	-
S R Waugh	778.2	190	2213	49	45.16	5-69	2	-

M L Hayden, W J Holdsworth, B P Julian and M J Slater have not appeared in Test cricket

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O'Connor hopes to discover touch at Woburn

BY JOHN HOPKINS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

CHRISTY O'Connor Jr was lost. He was staying at Woburn Abbey as a guest of the Marquis of Tavistock and looking for the place to lay his head. "It took me 2½ hours to find my room," O'Connor joked. "It's called Covent Garden and when I got there I discovered it was almost as big as the real thing."

Not any old Tom, Dick and Harry can stay at the Abbey but if you win the Dunhill British Masters at the Woburn Golf and Country Club on the Marquis's land, you can. And last year O'Connor did.

"They're lovely people," he said when asked about his host and hostess. "Everything is so easy. You can throw your shoes on the ground at the front door and make yourself at home."

It is highly unlikely that O'Connor can win again. For one thing, Bernhard Langer is in today's field and the German, who is the US Masters and PGA champion, is in rare form this year despite playing only eight events.

For another, the 44-year-old Irishman has missed the cut in six of the eight events he has competed in on the European Tour this year. On the other hand, he likes Woburn and plays well here. Since 1986 he has finished in the top five on four occasions.

Sandy Lyle, who finished 25 strokes behind Langer last weekend, must be hoping that Woburn will mark a turning of the tide for him. It is the site of his last 72-hole victory in Britain, but that was in 1988. This season in Europe, Lyle's performances have been dreadful — two missed cuts and that last-but-one place at Wentworth.

The phrase "missed the cut" was attached to Nick Faldo's name at the PGA after rounds of 71 and 75. It was not something he relished.

"I experienced the humbling nature of golf last Saturday," Faldo said. "It was weird to miss the cut and it dents your confidence for a while. You wonder where it has all gone."

What Faldo must do now is demonstrate, to himself as much as to anyone else, that any damage that was done to his morale has been rectified. He needs a good tournament this week because it is his last event before he flies to New Jersey for the US Open, a title he covets.

"The important thing is to know what you're doing," Faldo said. "Then you have to piece it together. I did some armchair practice over the weeekend, which is better than beating balls aimlessly and I have decided to do the simple things I know I can do."

He went fishing on the river Test on Monday, taking Matthew, his four-year-old son, with him, and spent the rest of his enforced time off with his family. "I find peace among my family," Faldo said. "I make a point of not taking my frustrations home."

Jamie Spence has still not recovered from the virus which forced him to pull out during the second round of the PGA and has withdrawn from Woburn.

Earlier this week, O'Connor and the Marchioness of Tavistock talked about racing and, specifically, the Derby. "I told her my money was going on Mick Kinane's horse," O'Connor said. When Commander in Chief won yesterday, O'Connor had good reason to feel pleased with himself. It was a good start to his week.

Australians relish familiar ground

BY SIMON WILDE

HOME advantage will mean little for England at Old Trafford today. Their party can muster only 23 Test appearances on the ground; Australia's has ten. For England only Gooch has tasted victory in an Ashes Test in Manchester (and that was 12 years ago); for Australia, Border, Taylor, Boon, Steve Waugh, Healy and Hughes all did so on their last tour, in 1989.

Ground conditions will be almost entirely new to England's inexperienced bowling attack. The only members with any Test knowledge of Old Trafford are Lewis and DeFreitas, who have both played there twice before. Lewis took seven wickets at 40 apiece, DeFreitas two at almost 60 each.

Perhaps there is something to be said for fresh faces on this occasion, bearing in mind that the last time Australia batted here they spent 168 overs over 447.

The England batting has a more fulfilling acquaintance with the ground. Gooch, Gatting and Smith have scored Test hundreds there, Gatting (160 in 1985) and Smith (143 out of a total of 260 in 1989) doing so against today's opponents. Gooch's record against Australia here is slightly more uncertain: innings of 10, 5, 74, 11 and 13.

His opposite number has more reason to hold Old Trafford in special affection. Not only has Border scored 368 Test runs there (12 more and he will break Bill Lawry's record for Ashes runs on the ground), but in Manchester four years ago — when his side enjoyed a crushing nine-wicket victory — he became the first Australian captain since 1934 to regain the Ashes in England.

RESULTS. Played 25: England won 7, Australia 5, drawn 13, abandoned 2.
RECORDS (England first): Highest totals: 677-9 dec (1934), 656-8 dec (1964). Lowest totals: 95 (1884), 70 (1888). Highest scores: 256 K F Barrington (1964), 311 (R B Simpson (1964). Best bowling: 10-53 J C Laker (1956), 8-31 F Laver (1909).

England can deliver what England expects

John Woodcock suggests that Graham Gooch's side has the talent to halt a sad run of results

For those who like the good news first, it can be said at once that Allan Border's Australians are not the all-conquering side they are in danger of being believed to be. Of their latest five Test matches, they have lost three, the last of them against New Zealand in March. They are perfectly beatable — so long as England can do the fundamental things even tolerably well.

It is that proviso that is the worry, for although England never had a captain more committed to hard work than Graham Gooch, his side seem no longer able to raise their game as a result of it. Not until Caddick came on the scene, unaffected by the depression of the last few months, had any bowler put the ball in the right place with any consistency for far too long; and for the best part of a year, seldom an England innings has passed without disintegrating.

I am not suggesting that it was never thus. As far back as the 1930s, Neville Cardus was writing that "the difference between English and Australian cricketers, taking them by and large, is that the Australian in a Test match is a better player than he usually is, and the Englishman is slightly worse." Cardus might well have said the same about the present England side, though on their form of recent years, he would have been less likely to do so about the Australians.

Except for the damage that it did to their morale, what happened to England in India and Sri Lanka between January and March is largely irrelevant. The fact that the first six batsmen in the order will be the same today as they were in Bombay in February is of less concern than the absence among them of a left-hander. The game as it will be played in this Ashes series is quite different from the one that had England floundering on the subcontinent.

Later this year, West Indies are to play Test cricket in Sri Lanka for the first time, and they, too, could easily come to grief against the flick of the Oriental wrist and the mysteries of the turning ball. When Australia were there not long ago, Mark Waugh's last four Test innings were 0, 0, 0 and 0. But that means nothing more now than that there is a far country where he feels much less at home than he will at Old Trafford.

Until they learn to read him, Warne, with his leg breaks and googlies, will be a threat to England's batsmen. It is not least because of that that England may feel the lack of a left-hander. Even Bill O'Reilly, the greatest of all wrist spinners, found left-handers a hindrance. But Gooch, Atherton, Gatting, Smith, Hick and Stewart are more than capable of getting enough runs to make a contest of the coming months. And somewhere along the line, the conditions will crop up to give England's bowlers the help they need to win a match.

After the debacle of the winter, I had hoped for a change of captaincy — a change to someone with more drive than Gooch, and who wants to go on tour again, and appears less palpably burdened; to a prompter rather than a plodder. However, Gooch it is, and as a still formidable batsman, he remains a vital member of the England side.

It is no coincidence that the last time England prospered against Australia was in 1986-7, when they had in Gatting a bulldog as captain. After losing the fourth Test by an innings, and the Ashes with it, Australia were every bit as downcast as England are now. They had played 14 Tests without a victory. When at last they gained one, a fortnight later in Sydney, I told Gatting, no doubt rather pompously, that the result was the best possible one for cricket. "You may think so," he replied with a puzzled and pitying look, "but don't expect me to agree with you."

The moral of that little story is never to feel sorry for the Australians. Six years on, they have a healthy contempt for English cricket, which the events of the first six weeks of this tour will have done nothing to diminish. They are queueing up to fill their boots at the expense of England's bowlers on English pitches, knowing that a better chance is unlikely ever to come their way. In the last two years, almost every seriously large total in Test cricket (591 and 506 for six declared by India and 505 for nine declared by Pakistan are but three examples) has been made against England.

As things are going, we shall become an object almost of ridicule, much as the Australians had before they won that day at Sydney. It is a horrid prospect. But like Australia then, England have the talent to stop the rot. Whether, under the present command, they can find the confidence and make the luck and show the temperament to do so, is less certain. It is perhaps more likely to be in the West Indies next winter that this particular recession will bottom out.

World Cup to boost league

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THE Rugby Football League, announcing details of the World Cup yesterday, gave notice of its intention to raise the profile of the 13-a-side game, much as rugby union did with its World Cup two years ago. The knockout competition will be staged in Britain in the autumn of 1995.

A game clamouring for national attention could, at last, have found the formula to project it. The attraction of a five-week tournament, involving eight countries, has already had the BBC and ITV beating a path to the Leeds door of the league, which will administer and market the event as the centrepiece of the sport's centenary celebrations.

The inclusion of Fiji, Western Samoa and Tonga, in addition to the five major playing nations — Britain, Australia, New Zealand, France and Papua New Guinea — is a response to the game's broadening appeal. Provision has also been made to add two of three other nations — South Africa, the Commonwealth of Independent States or the Cook Islands — should their development be satisfactory during the next 18 months.

To have included all the countries playing rugby league would, the board rightly felt, have diminished the competition. As it is, the World Cup will be the biggest of the ten held since 1954, and its simple format of two round-robin pools of four or possibly five teams, semi-finals and final is guaranteed popular appeal.

The past two competitions, won by Australia, have been unwieldy affairs stretched over four years, and mind-boggling in their complexity.

It has taken an uncommonly long time for a decision on the nature of the World Cup — yesterday's belated announcement gives organisers an exceedingly tight schedule — but renewed talk of a new era of expansion might not be so fanciful as in the past. "Rugby League has not had a launching pad like this," Maurice Lindsay, the RFL chief executive, said.

Exact dates will be announced when television rights are concluded, although Great Britain and Australia, who have been drawn in the same pool, will kick off the tournament, a probable rehearsal for the final. The early round games will be taken to venues across the country in order to spread the word.

DRAW: Pool A: Great Britain, Australia, Western Samoa, Tonga. Pool B: New Zealand, France, Papua New Guinea, Fiji. Semi-finals: Winner Pool A v Runner-up Pool B; Runner-up Pool A v Winner Pool B. Final: at Wembley Stadium.

Postle break proves decisive

BY PETER BRYAN

MATTHEW Postle, one of half a dozen amateurs who prefer France as a racing base, scored Britain's first stage victory in this year's Milk Race at Welwyn Garden City yesterday.

Postle broke clear with Mark Rendell, of New Zealand, in an attack nine miles from the end of the 98-mile route, which had started in Thames Ditton.

At first the move appeared doomed to fail with the remaining pack of 98 preparing for the finale to a day of 40mph speeds and ceaseless counter-attacks. But once the pair had flown, their advantage of a few seconds increased with every mile. Behind, Chris Lillywhite, the overall leader, was in danger of losing the yellow jersey.

Rendell had started the stage in twentieth position but only 1min 25sec behind Lillywhite; Postle, on the other hand, presented no threat, nearly five minutes in arrears.

The main pack made no impression on the fugitives. Rendell and Postle settled down to a smooth rhythm and shared the pace-setting until the last half-mile when Rendell attacked. Postle then waited a few seconds before starting a sprint that took him past his tiring rival.

Ben Luckwell, guesting for Banana again before joining a new team in Portugal, won the race for third place from the big bunch which came in 32 seconds after Postie.

Lillywhite, who had only taken the lead the previous day, was relieved to hear that Rendell, although jumping to second place overall after receiving a ten-second time bonus as stage runner-up, was still 26 seconds behind him. Rendell, from Rotorua, was second in last year's New Zealand road championship.

Postie, from Caldicott, near Newport, will return to his racing headquarters at Troyes when the Milk Race ends in Manchester on June 12. His main target is to prepare for next year's Commonwealth Games in Canada.

STAGE 3

THIRD STAGE (Thames Ditton to Welwyn Garden City): 1, M Postle (GB), 3hr 31min 5sec; 2, M Rendell (NZ), at 2sec; 3, B Luckwell (GB), at 32; 4, F Hoel (Den), same time; 5, N van der Steen (Hol), at 33; 6, F Kruger (SA), at 1.01. Teams: 1, Britannia, 10hr 36min 02sec; 2, New Zealand, at 7sec; 3, Banana, at 42.
OVERALL: 1, C Lillywhite (GB, Banana), 12hr 03min 45sec; 2, M Rendell (NZ), at 26secs; 3, K Marcussen (Den), at 32; 4, B Smith (GB, Banana), at 36; 5, I Simangen (Nor), at 40; 6, A Mizourov (Kazakhstan), at 43. Teams: 1, Banana, 36hr 52min 54sec; 2, Denmark, at 9sec, 3, Norway, at 2:50. King of the Mountains: 1, Mizourov, 32pts. Sprints: 1, J Middelwitz (Pol), 13pts.
TODAY: Fourth stage (Luton to Bury St Edmunds, 85 miles): start 11am, Stevenage 11.30, Saffron Walden 12.30, Haverhill 13.04, finish 14.24.

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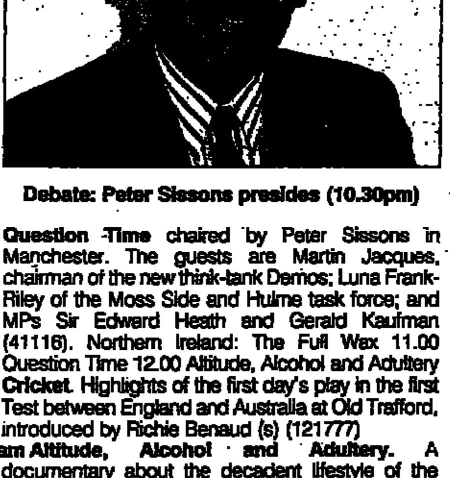
6.00 Business Breakfast (29131)
7.00 Breakfast News (70743425)
9.05 Defenders of the Earth (r) (7733593) **9.25 Activ-8** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5515357)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8173845) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (7316357) **10.30 Tales of Aesop.** *The Quack Frog* (r). (2438883) **10.35 Cartoon** (7065241) **10.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (4785425)
10.55 Cricket: First Test. Live coverage of the opening session of the first Test between England and Australia at Old Trafford (s) (27634319). Includes at **12.00 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather **12.55 Regional News** and weather (72592883)
1.00 One O'Clock News. (Ceefax) Weather (63357) **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s) (83510796)
1.50 Cricket. Further live coverage from Old Trafford (s) (93923203)
3.50 Pingu (r) (7009970) **3.55 Chuckievision** (r) (s) (3275777) **4.15 Watt On Earth.** Episode six (r) (s) (2315628) **4.30 Tricks 'n' Tracks.** Last in the magic and music series. (Ceefax) (s) (2157241)
4.55 Newsround (9660870) **5.05 Blue Peter.** (Ceefax) (s) (8190845)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (853654). Northern Ireland. Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Andrew Harvey and Jill Dando. (Ceefax) Weather (16)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (96). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Top of the Pops. (Ceefax) (s) (4870)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (80)
8.00 Keeping Up Appearances. Patricia Routledge stars as Hyacinth Bucket, the indomitable snob in Roy Clarke's comedy series (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6390). Wales: Every Silver Lining
8.30 Every Silver Lining. Simon Block's low-key sitcom about a Jewish couple who have different ideas about running their café and their lives. Starring Andrew Sachs and Frances de la Tour. (Ceefax) (s) (5425). Wales: Time of My Life
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (3661)
9.30 Sylvania Waters. Fly-on-the-wall documentary series about a feuding household in an affluent Sydney suburb. (Ceefax) (s) (88715)
10.00 The Full Wax. The ebullient Ruby Wax introduces highlights from her last year's series (58086). Northern Ireland: Spotlight

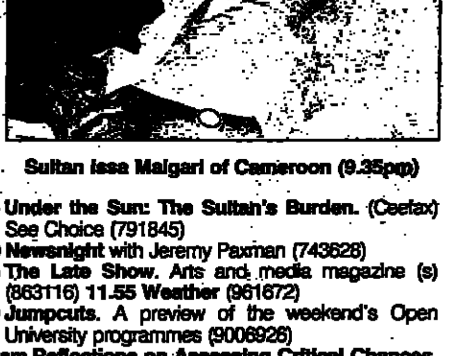


Debate: Peter Sissons presides (10.30pm)

10.30 Question Time chaired by Peter Sissons in Manchester. The guests are Martin Jacques, chairman of the new think-tank Demos; Luna Frank-Riley of the Moss Side and Hulme task force; and MPs Sir Edward Heath and Gerald Kaufman (41116). Northern Ireland: The Full Wax 11.00 Question Time 12.00 Altitude, Alcohol and Adultery
11.30 Cricket. Highlights of the first day's play in the first Test between England and Australia at Old Trafford, introduced by Richie Benaud (s) (121777)
12.10am Altitude, Alcohol and Adultery. A documentary about the decadent lifestyle of the English aristocracy in Kenya between the wars (s) (2879159). Northern Ireland: 12.50-1.30 Cricket
1.05 Weather (7984297). Ends at 1.10
2.15-3.30 BBC Select: Executive Business Club. (31723) **3.00 RCN Nursing Update** (89891)

BBC2

6.45 Open University
8.00 Breakfast News (4882067) **8.15 Soviet 1929-1933.** How state-employed photographers showed the positive side of Stalin's rule (3236809)
8.20 The Final Board. The second of two *40 Minutes* documentaries exploring the recruitment process for senior civil servants (r). (Ceefax) (7361393)
9.00 Daytime On Two. Educational programmes including, for children **9.45 You and Me** (3336319) **1.20 Noddy** (s) (6952241) **1.30 Funnybones** (s) **1.35 Crystal Tipps and Alistair** (19327721)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **You and Me** (r) (35688636) **2.15 Kakadu.** The flora and fauna of Australia's Kakadu National Park (4700222)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (2423135) followed by **Too Little, Too Late.** A documentary about the other victims of the Aids epidemic — the friends and relations of those suffering from the disease who bear the emotional brunt (6313116) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8524135)
4.00 Cricket. Live coverage of the final session of the first day's play in the first Test between England and Australia at Old Trafford (s) (499690)
6.30 Summer Wildlife: Erin ... through the Mists of Time. A film made by Eamon de Buitlear, one of Ireland's leading documentary makers, about the varied wildlife that now inhabits the country's derelict homes and holy buildings (r) (273241)
7.20 Business Matters: Vietnam — Good Morning, Uncle Sam. David Lomax reports from Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City and Washington on the prospects of the United States resuming business dealings with Vietnam. (Ceefax) (s) (400593)
8.00 Tales From the Map Room. The series on the history of maps continues with a look at the popularity of Wainwright's Lake District guides. (Ceefax) (s) (4932
8.30 Top Gear. As the Porsche 911 celebrates its thirtieth birthday, the team try out a range from the earliest model to the latest high-tech version. Plus a look at private car-clamping firms (s) (3067)
9.00 The Comic Strip Presents ... the Crying Game. The story of a football super-hero, now too busy endorsing products to play the game. Starring Keith Allen, Peter Richardson and Antony Sher (r). (Ceefax) (288680)



Sultan Issa Maigari of Cameroon (9.35pm)

9.35 Under the Sun: The Sultan's Burden. (Ceefax) See Choice (791845)
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman (743628)
11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (863116) **11.55 Weather** (961672)
12.00 Jumpcuts. A preview of the weekend's Open University programmes (9006926)
12.05am Reflections on Assessing Critical Chances. Coping with chance and uncertainty (1491839). Ends at **12.30**

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CHOICE

Dale, left, with his foster parents (C4, 9.35pm)

True Stories: Care for Dale
Channel 4, 9.35pm

Dale is a difficult 12-year-old from Hull. He steals, sniffs solvent, plays truant from school and keeps running away from home. His foster parents are endlessly patient and determined not to be beaten. His social workers, too, do their best to pick up the pieces and give Dale another chance. But it looks like a hopeless task. The cameras follow him on his regular visits to the police cells. They eavesdrop on case conferences. Dale's story is paralleled with that of Darren, even younger but also officially "at risk". You have to admire the perseverance and good will of everyone concerned. But you feel that, even at this early stage in their lives, the damage to Dale and Darren may be irreparable. The thought is depressing.

Rik Mayall Presents: Dancing Queen
ITV, 9.00pm

A stag night jape goes wrong and prospective bridegroom Neil (Rik Mayall) finds himself marooned in Scarborough without his trousers. The trouble is that he should be in Maidstone and the wedding is only hours away. Nick Vivian's script has all the makings of a hectic chase comedy but, like the other offerings in this series, turns out to be not what it seems. For Neil is joined at the Yorkshire seaside by none other than Pandora (Helena Bonham Carter), the wacky, gum-chewing strippagram from his stag party. The rest can probably be guessed but however corny and predictable it is a diverting little tale, enhanced by Bonham Carter's pert performance and attractively stylised photography.

Under the Sun: The Sultan's Burden
BBC2, 9.35pm

This week's film is from Cameroon, looking at a monarch who may be past his sell-by date. Sultan Issa Maigari rules a province the size of England. He has four wives, lots of concubines and between 19 or 30 children (he cannot remember exactly). But his agreeable way of life is under threat and not even his minister of magic can help him. The national government is stripping away his power to raise taxes. His peasantry is in revolt. Muslim fundamentalists accuse him of selling out to the Christians. You feel a little sorry for this chubby, genial man, whose only crime is failing to catch up with the 20th century. He thinks he would be more respected in Britain. He cannot have heard of the *annus horribilis*.

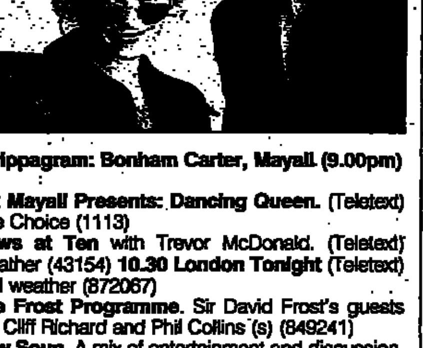
Memento
Channel 4, 8.00pm

The Indian writer Ved Mehta proves a lively final subject for Joan Bakewell in this television variant on *Desert Island Discs*. Delightfully fluent and articulate, Mehta ranges entertainingly over a peripatetic life which, apart from an interlude at Balliol, has been spent mostly in the United States. All this, 18 books and several professorships are the more remarkable since Mehta has been blind from the age of four. The fact that he cannot see them gives added interest to his choice of objects. As some are surprising, it would spoil things to mention them. With someone as good as Mehta the format nearly justifies itself, though traditionalists will still prefer Roy Plomley's ageless radio original.

Peter Waymark

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (1411636)
9.25 Cross Wits. Crossword game (8212390) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7392777)
10.00 Out Of This World. American comedy series about a schoolgirl with an alien father (r) (s) (24970)
10.30 This Morning. Family magazine series (32532864)
12.10 The Riddlers. Puppet series (r) (5870932)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Carol Barnes. (Teletext) Weather (1844680) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (23971852)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Teletext) (413999) **1.45 A Country Practice.** Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (405970)
2.15 Simply the Best. Kit Chapman examines some of the 2,300 apple specimens grown at the Brogdale Horticultural Trust in Faversham, Kent (497951)
2.45 Take the High Road. Highlands-based drama serial (2950222)
3.10 ITN News headlines (2434241) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2433512) **3.20 Blockbusters.** General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness (s) (7520048)
3.50 Garfield and Friends (r) (3285154) **4.15 The Pig Attraction.** Puppet series (s) (582834) **4.45 Tiny Toon Adventures** (r) (2147864)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (8117512)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (637048)
6.00 London Tonight. Includes a report on the Londoners who moved to Spain but found that it has not lived up to expectations. (Teletext) (78338)
7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (2338)
7.30 3D. Weekly current affairs series, presented by Julia Somerville. This edition includes an investigation into whether police helicopters, at £1 million a time, are value for money (48)
8.00 The Bill: Cry Baby. Sun Hill officers investigate what originally was thought a cot death but later turns out to be a murder enquiry. (Teletext) (1086)
8.30 Up the Garden Path. Comedy series starring Imelda Staunton as a schoolteacher in a seemingly fruitless search for someone to love. (Teletext) (s) (9703)

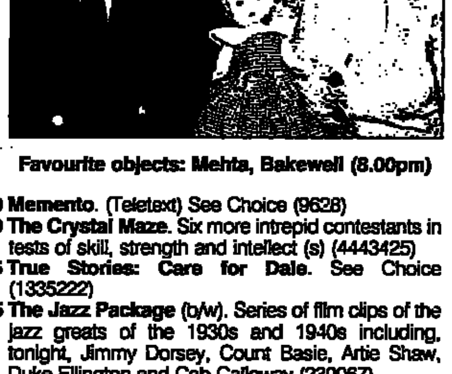


Strippagram: Bonham Carter, Mayall (9.00pm)

9.00 Rik Mayall Presents: Dancing Queen. (Teletext) See Choice (1113)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (43154) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (872067)
10.40 The Frost Programme. Sir David Frost's guests are Cliff Richard and Phil Collins (s) (849241)
11.40 Raw Soup. A mix of entertainment and discussion, this week on death, from the Albany Empire, Deptford (s) (988999)
12.40am Street Legal. Last in the drama series about a Canadian law firm (5351599)
1.35 Hollywood Report. Showbusiness gossip (s) (7875549)
2.00 Donahue. Advice for wives trapped in unhappy marriages (66723)
3.00 Quiz Night. Pub and club competition (87487)
3.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (44920)
4.00 Entertainment UK (r) (s) (78617)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (55346)
5.30 ITN Morning News with John Draper (86655). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.15 I Love Lucy (b/w). Vintage American domestic comedy starring Lucille Ball (81154)
6.45 Spiff and Hercules. Cartoon series about a quarrelsome cat and dog (2900390)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (46680)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (20203)
9.30 More Winners. Australian children's drama series (r) (27883)
10.30 Gamesmaster. Computer and video games magazine. With Dominik Diamond and Patrick Moore (59715)
11.00 Miraculous Mellops. Science fiction series from Australia (r) (4787883)
11.25 The Henderson Kids. Australian family drama serial (r) (4780970)
11.55 Ballet Oop. A vintage 1954 cartoon (r) (8197680)
12.00 Dick Spanner. Gerry Anderson's animation about a private detective (r) (40067)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early learning series (r) (10965)
1.30 Take 5. Cartoons (50932)
2.00 Flying Phantoms. A *Survival* documentary about the threat to Britain's barn owls (r) (43280845)
2.25 Channel 4 Racing from Epsom. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the Energizer Battery Maiden Stakes (2.30); the Energizer Stakes (3.00), the Ever Ready Coronation Cup (3.45); and the Stanley Wooton Stakes (4.10) (10947647)
4.30 Fifteen To One. Fast-moving general knowledge knock out quiz, presented by William G. Stewart. (Teletext) (s) (61)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests are television journalists who have been in frightening situations. (Teletext) (s) (7956357)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout. Series for children, narrated by Nigel Planer (152048)
6.00 Desmond's. Comedy series set in Peckham, south London, barber's (r). (Teletext) (s) (54)
6.30 A Different World. American comedy series (s) (26)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Zeinab Badawi and Shanaz Pakravan. (Teletext) Weather (305947)
7.50 Comment. Joan Carnell on why her disabled son should be allowed to continue his schooling (682319)



Favourite objects: Mehta, Bakewell (8.00pm)

8.00 Memento. (Teletext) See Choice (9628)
8.30 The Crystal Maze. Six more intrepid contestants in tests of skill, strength and intellect (s) (4443425)
9.35 True Stories: Care for Dale. See Choice (1335222)
11.05 The Jazz Package (b/w). Series of film clips of the jazz greats of the 1930s and 1940s including, tonight, Jimmy Dorsey, Count Basie, Artie Shaw, Duke Ellington and Cab Calloway (230067)
11.35 First Frame: A Court in the Car. Continuing the series of original films by talented students. In a small Northern Ireland town three young women in a local mushroom-picking factory discuss men. Directed by Antonia Leslie (912319)
11.55 Dispatches. A repeat of yesterday's documentary about the existence of nuclear bomb-making Red Mercury (975425)
12.55am The Steve Allen Show (b/w). The guests include Ginger Rogers and Phil Harris (8096636). Ends at **1.25**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (7520048) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (8117512) **6.00** Home and Away (424777) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (399628) **10.40** Go Fishing (930357) **11.10** Wideangle (231796) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (231593) **12.35** Wrestling (3518891) **1.15** America's Top Ten (42839) **1.45** Film: The Long Dark Hall (265433) **3.20** Stage 2 (1121926) **4.30** Riviera (82988) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (55346)

BORDER
As London except: **2.45-3.10** Magic Wok (2350222) **3.20-3.50** GP (7520048) **6.00** Lookaround (12) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (64) **10.40** Talking Pictures (930357) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (970845) **12.05** IndyCar 93 (1572758) **12.35** Wrestling (3518891) **1.15** America's Top Ten (42839) **1.45** Film: The Long Dark Hall (265433) **3.20** Stage 2 (1121926) **4.30** Riviera (82988) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (55346)

CENTRAL
As London except: **1.15** A Country Practice (413999) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (405970) **3.20-3.50** Shortland Street (7520048) **5.10-5.40** Gardening Time (8117512) **6.00** Home and Away (424777) **6.25-7.00** Central News (432796) **10.40** Central Lobby (930357) **11.10** 1st Night (231796) **11.40** Sledge Hammer (567970) **12.10** Hollywood Report (1571029) **12.40** The Little Picture Show (9601365) **1.40** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (7336510) **2.10** America's Top Ten (2533100) **2.40** Raw Power (3175891) **3.40** Quiz Night (57185365) **4.10** Jobfinder (7847162) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (5096162)

GRANADA
As London except: **1.15** A Country Practice (413999) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (405970) **5.10-5.40** The Munsters Today (8117512) **6.00** Home and Away (12) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (64) **10.40** Families (930357) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (970845) **12.05** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (1572758) **12.35** Wrestling (3518891) **1.15** America's Top Ten (42839) **1.45** Film: The Long Dark Hall (265433) **3.20** Stage 2 (1121926) **4.30** Riviera (82988) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (55346)

HTV WEST
As London except: **1.45-2.15** Blockbusters (405970) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (7520048) **6.00** HTV News (12) **6.30-7.00** The Good Neighbour Show (64) **10.40** The West This Week (736338) **11.25** HTV Weekend Outlook (948241) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (231593) **12.35** Wrestling (3518891) **1.15** America's Top Ten (42839) **1.45** Film: The Long Dark Hall (265433) **3.20** Stage 2 (1121926) **4.30** Riviera (82988) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (55346)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: **6.00** Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** Urdd Eisteddfod 93 **10.40** Living Proof **11.10** Weekend Ahead! **11.25-11.40** Out of Limits

MERIDIAN
As London except: **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (7520048) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (12) **6.30-7.00** Grass Roots (64) **10.40** The Pier (704749) **11.20** Prisoner: Cell Block H (909357) **12.15** War of the Worlds (943471) **1.15-1.35** Night Bites (7076891) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (55346)

ULSTER
As London except: **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (78338) **10.40** Counterpoint (930357) **11.10** Go Fishing (231796) **11.40** Miller & Mueller (231593) **12.35** Wrestling (3518891) **1.15** America's Top Ten (42839) **1.45** Film: The Long Dark Hall (265433) **3.20** Stage 2 (1121926) **4.30** Riviera (82988) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (55346)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: **1.45-2.15** Blockbusters (405970) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (7520048) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (78338) **10.40** Ambulance! (930357) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (970845) **12.10** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (3992094) **12.35** Wrestling (3518891) **1.15** America's Top Ten (42839) **1.45** Film: The Long Dark Hall (265433) **3.20** Stage 2 (1121926) **4.30** Riviera (82988) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (55346)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (7520048) **5.55** Calendar (492672) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (64) **10.40** Edit V (736338) **11.25** Prisoner: Cell Block H (908628) **12.20** Film: Murder Me, Murder You (835520) **2.05** America's Top Ten (2834159) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9739384) **3.05** Film: The Pleasure Girls (766433) **4.40-5.30** Jobfinder (4594907)

S4C
Starts: **7.00** The Big Breakfast (46680) **9.00** Brecwast O'r Urdd (20203) **9.30** More Winners (27883) **10.30** Gamesmaster (59715) **11.00** Miraculous Mellops (4787883) **11.25** The Henderson Kids (4780970) **11.55** Ballet-oop (8197680) **12.00** Dick Spanner (40067) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (51661) **1.00** Sesame Street (5546131) **1.55** Eisteddfod Yr Urdd (39386512) **3.30** Channel 4 Racing from Epsom (3272680) **3.50** Eisteddfod Yr Urdd (3889222) **4.30** Slot 'Steddfod (61) **5.00** Fifteen To One (4636) **5.30** The Next Big Thing (41) **6.00** Newyddion (893883) **6.10** Heno (488951) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (3880) **7.30** Pigion Y Dydd (19390) **8.30** Newyddion (565338) **8.55** Saith Cwch O'r Werddon (419654) **9.55** The Long Summer (895672) **9.55** Film: 2010 (10187154) **12.00** Street Legal (83568) **12.30** Surgical Spirit (55297) **1.00** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (50616721) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (4504338) **9.10** Cartoons (2322777) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (27767) **10.00** Card Sharks (7552390) **10.25** Concentration (7200067) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (1049680) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (13951) **11.30** Falcon Crest (98425) **12.30pm** E Street (27703) **1.00** Another World (9603628) **1.45** Santa Barbara (138244) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (721715) **3.15** Different Strokes (388947) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (8368048) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (4951) **6.00** Games World (1574) **6.30** E Street (5154) **7.00** Rescue (5680) **7.30** Melrose Place (26970) **9.00** Chances (59241) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (69628) **11.00** The Streets of San Francisco (80048) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (94512) **6.30** News and Business Report (705135) **9.30** Nightline (82319) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (84425) **11.30** Business Report (84067) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (68241) **1.30** Good Morning America (69970) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (1387390) **3.30** Nightline (6895680) **4.30** News and Business Report (1951) **5.00** Live at Five (98999) **6.30** News and Business Report (94883) **7.30** *Financial Times* Reports (2680) **10.30** Nightline (12628) **11.30** ABC News (82999) **12.30am** *Financial Times* Reports (22181) **1.30** ABC News (84704) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (14094) **3.30** ABC News (26839) **4.30** *Financial Times* Reports (13704) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (61159)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (8411086)
10.00 Batting for Baby (1991): Debbie Reynolds and Suzanne Pleshette as warring grandmothers (19609)
12.00 The Great Santini (1979): Marine hero Robert Duvall battles with his son (60796)
2.00pm Crosseplot (1969): Spy thriller starring Roger Moore (43680)
4.00 Some Kind of a Nut (1969): Dick Van Dyke's beard causes a furore (9683)
6.00 Batting for Baby (as 10am) (30116)
8.00 Cadillac Man (1990): Philandering car salesman Robin Williams is confronted by jealous husband Tim Robbins (35661)
10.00 976-Evil II (1991): A serial killer commits murders via astral projection (618723)
11.35 Cobra (1986): Sylvester Stallone combats a motorcycle gang (480715)
1.05am The Haunted (1991). Demons invade the home of Sally Kirkland and Jeffrey DeMunn (9630986)
2.35 Wisdom (1987): Emilio Estevez helps beleaguered farmers (177365)
4.20 The Great Santini (as midday) (719146). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm The Magnificent Seven Ride! (1972): Western sequel starring Lee Van Cleef and Stefanie Powers (23864)
8.00 Tell Them Willie Boy is Here (1969): Robert Redford pursues renegade Indian Robert Blake (35609)
10.00 Five Easy Pieces (1970): Jack Nicholson gives up his career as a musician to work on an oil rig (93135). Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.30am Tom Sawyer (1973): Musical version of Mark Twain's classic (42527864)
8.15 Scooby Doo and the Reluctant Werewolf: Cartoon (73110338)
10.00 Von Richthofen and Brown (1971): First world war dogfighting action (27721)
12.00 711 Ocean Drive (1950, b/w): A racketeer outwits a gambling syndicate. Starring Edmond O'Brien (68338)
2.00pm Las Vegas Hillbillies (1966): A country bumpkin inherits a casino (41222)
4.00 Scooby Doo and the Reluctant Werewolf (as 8.15am) (7425)
6.00 New York Mounted (1991): Policemen Dan Gautier and Dennis Franz patrol the streets on horseback (61086)
8.00 Fires Within (1991): Cuban exile Greta Scacchi is pursued by husband Jimmy Smits (33203)
10.00 Postcards from the Edge (1990): Meryl Streep recuperates from a drugs overdose (198425)
11.45 Deadly Desire (1991): Kathryn Harrold seduces security patrolman Jack Scalia (720593)
1.20am The Ten Million Dollar Getaway (1991): Fact-based drama about the mid-seventies heist at Kennedy Airport (574568)
2.55 Framed (1971): Joe Don Baker seeks revenge for his imprisonment (281278)
4.40 Lifeguard (1976): Sam Elliott attends a high-school reunion (7129452). Ends at **6.00**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Prime Bodies (62898) **7.00** Cricket Special: The Game on the £10 Note (15680) **8.00** World Championship Badminton (23609) **9.00** Prime Bodies (22574) **9.30** Motor World (79970) **10.00** World Cup Football: Norway v England (86406) **12.00** Cycling: The Milk Race (69593) **1.00pm** Beckenham Tennis (6789574) **6.00** WWF All-American Wrestling (65777) **7.00** British Motorsport (95097) **8.00** Cycling: The Milk Race (81965) **9.00** US PGA Golf (74574) **11.00-1.00am** Beckenham Tennis (27086)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (18845) **8.00** Snooker (16999) **10.00** American Ice Hockey (47357) **11.00** European Football: AC Milan v Marseilles (79390) **1.00pm** Tennis (6707970) **6.00** Truck Racing (2241) **6.30** Eurosport News (3593) **7.00** NBA Basketball (19574) **9.00** Tennis: French Open (86319) **10.00** Football 1994 World Cup Qualifiers (89406) **11.00** Basketball: Italy v Germany (48066) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News

UK GOLD
7.00am The Raccoons (3532628) **7.30** Neighbours (3511135) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (4660593) **8.30** EastEnders (4669864) **9.00** The Bill (4650116) **9.30** The Onedin Line (9607338) **10.30** Juliet Bravo (1786593) **11.30** Happy Ever after (8153703) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (4663680) **12.30pm** Neighbours (8596951) **1.00** EastEnders (3531999) **1.30** The Bill (6595222) **2.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (4373425) **2.30** Three Up, Two Down (7002999) **3.00** Dallas (7679169) **4.00** Dynasty (5808636) **5.00** Blankety Blank (4364777) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (7006715) **6.00** Neighbours (7003628) **6.30** The Onedin Line (6620222) **7.30** 'Allo 'Allo! (7083864) **8.00** EastEnders (4353661) **8.30** Three Up, Two Down (4372796) **9.00** Juliet Bravo (8111845) **10.00** The Bill (4671609) **10.30** Carrot's Lib (1500680) **11.30** Dr Who: The Mutants. Jon Pertwee lands on the planet Solos (2938864) **12.00** Film: The Karate Killers (1967) Spy romp starring Robert Vaughn and David McCallum (1774636) **1.35-2.00** Video Bites (85351891)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (24203) **7.00** RatKan II (13609) **9.00** Jack in the Box (63116) **11.00** Stories Without Words (95593) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (96222) **12.00** Secret Valley (92645) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (30703) **2.00** Stories Without Words (3336) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (6086) **3.00** Babar (3016680) **3.25** RatKan II (39251715) **5.00** Pugwall's Summer (1048) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (7574) **6.00-7.00** Fame (21357)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: The New Curiosity Shop — Something Succulent **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air, with Andrew Lyle. Including C.P.E. Bach (Symphony in A, Wq182 No 4); Dvořák (String Quartet in F, Op 96, American); Bizet (Au fond du temple saint, Les pêcheurs de perles); Haydn (Symphony No 78 in C minor)
9.00 Composers of the Week: Rimsky-Korsakov (At the Tomb, Op 61); Borodin (Scherzo in A flat); Balakirev (Symphony No 1 in C)
10.00 Dead or Alive? Hungarian folk songs. Bartók (Hungarian Sketches), Ferenc Erkel (Hunyadi Laszlo, Act 1, Finale); Liszt (Hungarian Rhapsody No 6 in D, Carnival in Pest); **10.27** Artist of the Week: Murray Perahia, piano, plays Bartók (Improvisations on Hungarian Peasant Songs); Kodály (Psalmus Hungaricus); Kurtag (12 Microludes, Hommage à Mihaly Andras), Bartók (Suite, Out of Doors); arr Kodály (The Peacock); Kodály (Variations on a Hungarian folk song, The Peacock)
12.00 French Music: Régis Pasquier, violin, Anne Queffélec, piano, perform Saint-Saens (Violin Sonata No 1 in D minor, Op 75); Fauré (Romance, Op 28; Berceuse, Op 16; Violin Sonata No 1 in A, Op 13) (r) **1.00pm News**
1.05 Music for a While: Sinners and Saints. The first of two programmes of music for the church, court and tavern, by Purcell and his contemporaries
1.35 Test Match Special. England v Australia. The first day's play from Old Trafford continues after the lunch interval. Commentary by Brian Johnston, Jonathan Agnew, Christopher Martin-Jenkins and Neville Oliver. With expert comment from Trevor Bailey and David Lloyd. The scorer is Bill Frindall. **3.45-4.00** County Talk. During the tea interval, Simon Hughes chairs the first in a series of discussions with Graeme Fowler, Nick Cook and Mark Nicholas
6.10 Evening Sequence. A selection of music on disc
7.30 Spirit of the Earth: The second in a series of concerts from last July's festival in Birmingham. The programme includes the Aref Ensemble from Iran and the Rustavi Choir from Georgia
9.00 Three Score Miles and Ten: Before the Attack. David Horovitch reads the fifth of six travel sketches by Graham Greene, who recalls strange and disturbing sights at Dien Bien Phu on the Laos border in 1954
9.10 Tan Dun: The Chinese composer, who now lives and works in New York, conducts the BBC Scottish SO in a programme of his own music. Orchestral Theatre; On Taoism; Death and Fire — Dialogue with Paul Klee
10.15 Groovin' High: The third of six programmes in tribute to the American trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie (r)
10.45 Night Waves, presented by Roisin McAuley. Includes a first-night review of *The Merchant of Venice* in Stratford
11.30 Schoenberg and Schubert: Margaret Price, soprano, James Lockhart, piano, Thea King, clarinet, perform Schoenberg (Das Buch der hängenden Gärten); Schubert (Das Lied im Grünen; Herbst; Der Winterabend; Der Hirt auf dem Felsen) (r)
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day with the Rev Dave Pole **6.30** Today, with Brian Redhead and Sue MacGregor, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day with Elaine Storkey **8.43** Great Meadow: Dirk Bogarde reads from his book of childhood reminiscences (4/5) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts: John Waite investigates (r)
9.30 Never the Same Again: See Choice
10.00-10.30 Rent (FM only): Fifth of a six-part comedy series by Lucy Flannery. With Barbara Flynn as Maria and Patrick Barlow as Richard
10.00 News; An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Genesis. Sir John Gielgud reads the ninth of 13 parts
10.30 Woman's Hour talks to the novelist Barbara Taylor Bradford. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm Out of Order: Austin Mitchell, MP, and Michael White captain two teams in the light-hearted political quiz. Chairman Patrick Hannan **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Disguised as Dr Koch, by Martin Worth. With Norman Rodway in the title role. See Choice
3.00 Bus Stop: Jenni Mills and Andrew Jennings visit Glasgow
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews the first night of *Sweeney Todd* at the National Theatre in London and Brendan Kennelly's production of *The Trojan Women* in Dublin; and examines the phenomenon of the Velvet Underground
4.45 Short Story: The Reaping Race, by Liam O'Flaherty. Read by T.P. McKenna
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The Nick Revell Show: Homeless. The return of the award-winning sitcom. Starring Nick Revell, Alistair McGowan and Doon Mackichan
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Radio Lives: Wake Up at the Back There. In the second of six portraits of radio greats, Nigel Farrell profiles Jimmy Edwards
8.00 Analysis: Social Europe? David Walker considers how far Europe is already influencing jobs and pensions in Britain
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? with Ted Harrison. For listeners with disabilities
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Roger White **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Story of San Michele, by Axel Munthe. Adapted and read by Jeremy Nicholas (4/10)
11.00 Sad Cypress: The final part of Agatha Christie's novel. With John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot and Emma Fielding as Elinor Carlisle (r)
11.30 Reading Aloud: The Road to Auschwitz. Written and read by Hedi Fried (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Never the Same Again. *Radio 4, 9.30am.*

Nothing could have prepared Claire for the discovery eight years ago that she was HIV positive or for the terrible prospect of telling her parents and her children. But in the last of the series, presented by Jenni Mills, we learn that Claire, now a grandmother, has come to terms with the fact that she is going to die, draws strength from her family and is perfectly prepared to face the end. "For me life is an adventure," she declares. "And we are just passing through." It has, though, meant leading a double life and not always being completely open about her condition. This is a harrowing programme in which you admire Claire for her courage and faith.

Disguised as Dr Koch. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*

Martin Worth's play covers the personal and professional life of Doctor Robert Koch, the 19th-century bacteriologist responsible for revolutionising the treatment of killer diseases such as anthrax and cholera and, particularly, tuberculosis. Up-and-coming actress Claire Skinner plays the 17-year-old student for whom he left his wife, an affair which brought about his downfall.

Kenneth Gosling

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Mark Goodier's Evening Session **8.30** Dance Energy: Normski's guests are Utah Saints **9.00** The Guest List **10.00** Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night **12.00-4.00am** Nicky Horne (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Martin Kelner **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Sarah Kennedy **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** The News Huddlines **7.30** Wally Whyton **9.00** Beating the Retreat: live from Horseguards Parade, London, with music from the Massed Bands of the Household Division **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Bill Rennells with Night Ride **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm. **6.00am** World Service **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** Take Five **9.55** Mission Investigates **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Test Match Special: England v Australia from Old Trafford (continues on Radio 3 from 1.35pm) **1.00pm** News **1.10** Summer Sport **6.30** The Green Hornet (5/7) **7.00** Sportsdesk **7.15** Along a Lonely Road (4/5) **7.30** Formula Five **8.00** Vibe! **8.30** Flyaway, by Ayshe Raif (r) **10.10** Eastern Beat **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin; Tips für Touristen **5.30** Londres Matin **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Sports International **8.00** News **8.30** Network UK **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Good Books **9.30** John Peel **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** From Our Own Correspondent **10.30** The Farming World **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.01** Assignment **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update Noon News **12.30pm** Just Another Case **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 2 **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** News **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: The Handmaid's Tale **3.45** Recording of the Week **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News in French **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Londres Soir **6.00** News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Meridian **10.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Network UK **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** Music Review **1.00** News **1.30** Classic Recordings **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Seven Seas **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** News **3.30** Just Another Case **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sport

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Stenhammar (Piano Concerto No 1) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** Classic Travel Guide **8.00** Evening Concert: Dvořák (Carnival Overture), Brahms (Symphony No 4) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

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6.00am Russ Williams **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Mitch Johnson **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Jonathan Coleman **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00** Wendy Lloyd

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Commander In Chief steals Derby spotlight

NIGEL MARPLE

Waiting in the wings: Commander In Chief and Michael Kinane, second left, have yet to make their move as Tenby, his stable companion, and the nosebanded Bob's Return cut out the running at Tattenham Corner in the Ever Ready Derby at Epsom yesterday. As Tenby, the odds-on favourite, faltered two furlongs out, Kinane produced Commander In Chief with a devastating burst of acceleration to beat Blue Judge by 3½ lengths with Blues Traveller 2½ lengths away third. Commander In Chief, the apparent second string of trainer Henry Cecil and owner Khaled Abdulla, is the first Derby winner in 20 years not to have raced as a two-year-old. Abdulla said: "It is wonderful to win the Derby, but I am worried about Tenby. I don't know what happened, I just hope he will be OK." Cecil agreed: "Obviously I have mixed feelings with the defeat of Tenby but he was beaten a long way from home. I don't know why. It's satisfying to win with a son of Dancing Brave, who was so unlucky not to win the race." Kinane, who has an outstanding record in big races for Cecil, said: "I didn't plan to go on so soon, but Commander In Chief was travelling so well, I had to go." Tenby was in contention until being hampered and fading early in the straight. Pat Eddery, staggered by the favourite's run, said: "He died before the straight. He didn't appear to stay." Lester Piggott reported that his mount, Fatherland, "didn't really act on the track". The placings remained unaltered after a stewards' enquiry.

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DeFreitas called up after injury to Igglesden

BY ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

ALAN Igglesden, the last player called up and capped during England's injury-ravaged Ashes campaign of 1989, yesterday became the first casualty of the new series, which starts in Manchester today, even before a ball has been bowled.

The Kent fast bowler, a surprise inclusion for the first Cornhill Test at Old Trafford four years on from his only previous cap, sustained a strained thigh during an indoor practice session yesterday.

After several hours of intensive treatment from Dave Roberts, the England physiotherapist, the selectors were forced to add to the England squad a previously discarded regular, Phillip DeFreitas.

DeFreitas had turned up at Old Trafford only to catch Lancashire's team bus to a county championship fixture at the Oval. He looks certain to take Igglesden's place unless a rain delay allows Igglesden extra time to recover.

On a ground where England last won a Test match 12 years ago, when Ian Botham made an unforgettable century against the 1981 Australians, most of yesterday's speculation focused on the pitch.

It was drenched by a thunderstorm when unprotected on Sunday and will still be wet when the game begins this morning, fine weather permitting.

Whoever wins the toss seems sure to bowl first, and last night both the captains, Graham Gooch and Allan Border, were considering their options.

England could still go in with two specialist spin bowlers but Australia are likely to give a Test debut to Brendon Julian, the left-arm seam bowler.

Australia are unbeaten in their last 13 Tests against England, and by avoiding defeat here would equal the record sequence for either country in Ashes Tests.

The bookmakers, perhaps influenced by an uncertain weather forecast, have made the draw their odds-on favourite.

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McBryde sent off as Welsh retain record

Namibia B	10
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FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN NAMIBIA

ROBIN McBryde, the Swansea hooker, was one of two players sent off in a game that ended in farce, as Wales maintained their hundred per cent record on their southern Africa tour yesterday.

There were no more than 500 spectators at the Namibian National Rugby Stadium in Windhoek to witness the first of three appearances by the touring team at the ground. The lack of atmosphere and the poor quality of their opponents made it difficult for the Welsh to motivate themselves.

There was little or no pattern to their play, the forwards neglecting the rolling maul tactics that had proved so productive in Zimbabwe. The refereeing of Mr Theunissen was also a disturbing factor. In the second half he assessed a succession of penalties, the majority of which he awarded against Wales.

He sent off the Namibian scrum half, Hakkies Husselman, after 67 minutes following an off-the-ball incident with Hugh Williams-Jones. He dismissed McBryde eight minutes later after he had been accused, seemingly, of aiming a punch at an opponent at a maul. In fact, McBryde had the ball under his right arm and used it to fend off an opposing forward. It certainly did not deserve a dismissal and it summed up the frustration felt by the Welsh players.

Wayne Proctor, the wing, got Wales off to a good start after three minutes with the first of his two tries in the opening half. Mike Rayer, the full back, and McBryde also crossed as Wales built a 28-10 interval lead.

There were only three more tries in the second half, however, and it was just as well for Wales that Neil Jenkins, the outside half, was in goal-kicking form. He landed six out of seven conversions and was one of the few players to emerge with credit.

SCORERS: Namibia B: Try: R Gous. Conversion: N Horn Penalty goal: N Horn. Wales: Tries: W Proctor (2), N Boobyer (2), M Rayer, R McBryde, R Howley. Conversions: N Jenkins (6)

Northern Ireland hold off Latvia

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

NORTHERN Ireland were fortunate to withstand a stirring second-half revival by Latvia to win their World Cup group three qualifying match 2-1 in Riga yesterday. The Irish dominated the first half with Jim Magilton, of Oxford United, giving them a fourth-minute lead and Gerry Taggart, the Barnsley defender, heading a second after a quarter of an hour.

The midfield was in control, with the pace and skill of Michael Hughes, the Strasbourg wing, tormenting defenders, but Latvia, who had drawn at home to Denmark, Spain and Albania, played like a side inspired in the second half.

Ainards Linards, a 30-year-old striker who plays in Sweden, scored in the 55th minute and Northern Ireland from then on lived dangerously. Three times, Latvia came near to equalising, with shots from Sarando and the substitute, Jelisejevs, and Gary Fleming had to clear a Babicevs header off the line.

Goals in the 73rd and 77th minute by Julen Guerrero brought Spain a 2-0 win against Lithuania at Vilnius that keeps them on top of the group.

A hat-trick by Peter Dubovsky gave the Representation of Czechs and Slovaks (RCS) a 5-2 victory over Romania in a group four match in Prague and moved them above Wales into third place on goal difference with seven points each from six matches.

The RCS, however, did Wales a favour by preventing Romania stretching their advantage in second place and so strengthening their hopes of making the finals.

Despite two RCS players being sent off in the last stages of the game, Dubovsky scored his goals in the 60th, 82nd and 92nd minutes to take his team clear after being pegged back at 2-2.

TABLES

Group three

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	9	5	3	1	18	2	13
Ireland	7	4	3	0	12	2	11
Latvia	7	3	4	0	5	1	10
N Ireland	9	4	2	3	11	11	10
Lithuania	8	2	3	4	8	14	7
Faroe Is	10	0	5	5	4	19	5
Albania	9	1	2	6	5	16	4

Not including Denmark v Albania

Group four

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	9	7	0	1	15	3	14
Romania	7	4	1	2	21	10	9
RCS	6	2	3	1	12	7	7
Wales	6	2	1	3	11	8	7
Cyprus	8	2	1	5	8	13	5
Faroe Islands	7	0	0	7	1	28	0

Ferguson enters battle for unsettled Keane

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ALEX Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, will have talks with Roy Keane today in the hope of beating Blackburn Rovers to his signature.

The announcement by the 21-year-old Ireland international that he is ready to leave relegated Nottingham Forest has sparked a fierce battle to sign him, with Arsenal, Aston Villa and Tottenham Hotspur and other Premier League clubs in the running.

Forest's starting price for their prized asset is £3.5 million, but that has not deterred United or Blackburn, whose manager, Kenny Dalglish, has already spoken to Keane and agreed the personal terms of a four-year contract.

Keane has not put pen to paper, though, and is happy to play a waiting game to see what United have to offer. Ferguson was due to return from Oslo directly after last night's World Cup tie between Norway and England to make his pitch.

"Manchester United seem very interested, otherwise they would not have asked me to break my holiday in Cork and have talks with Mr Ferguson tomorrow," Keane said. "Blackburn were the first club I spoke to, but I always said that I was prepared to listen to other interested parties. Blackburn offered me a four-year contract and I agreed personal terms with Mr Dalglish."

United will make a huge profit from their Premier League triumph and European involvement next season and could possibly tempt Keane with cash and the offer of European Cup football next season.

It is believed that the Old Trafford club are prepared to match any offer made by Blackburn, so eager are they to obtain Keane's services. Ferguson is still annoyed at losing out to Blackburn in the £3.6 million British record signing of Alan Shearer. The record looks sure to be broken, and the only uncertainty is who will sign the cheque.

Another reason Keane could yet end up at Old Trafford is that Forest may prefer to do business with United, as they have accused Blackburn of making an illegal approach to Keane. They insist they had not even given the big-spending Premier League club permission to approach the midfielder, who is still under contract, but that did not stop Dalglish talking terms.

Fred Reacher, the Forest chairman, said: "I'm incensed about the way things are being handled. There's a right and a wrong way to do business and if things that are appearing in newspapers are to be believed, Blackburn are out of order."

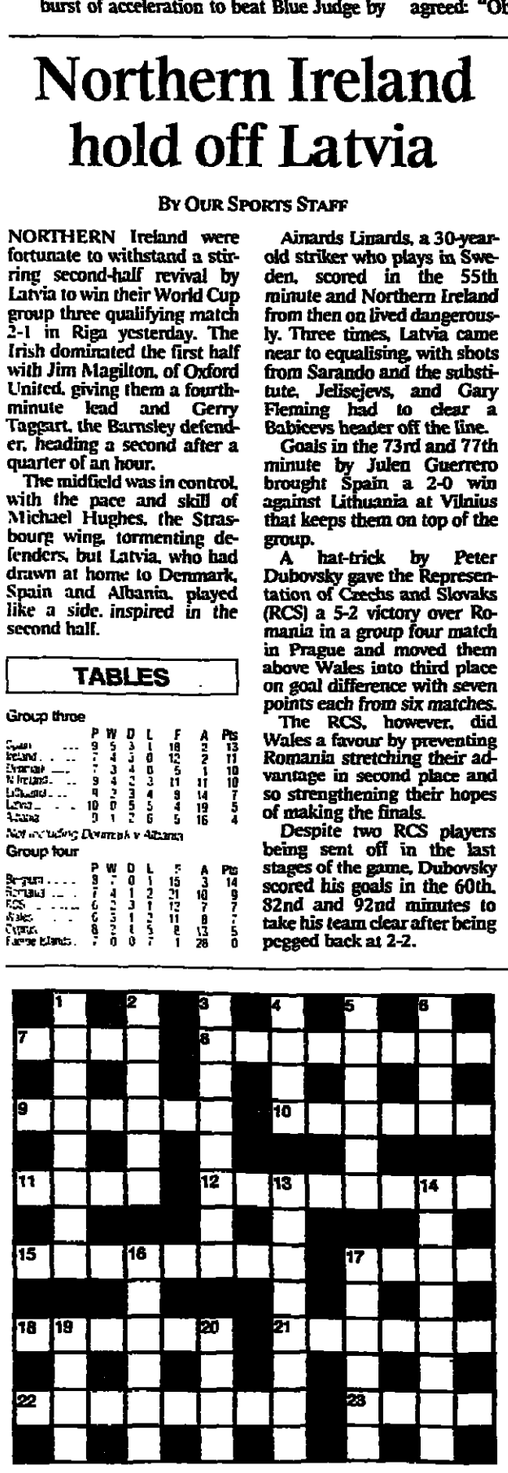
Ferguson: undeterred

☐ AC Milan yesterday denied reports that they are negotiating the transfer of Ryan Giggs from Manchester United. *Gazzetto dello Sport*, the Italian sports newspaper, claimed yesterday that the beaten European Cup finalists want Giggs to partly to replace their Dutch internationals, Ruud Gullit and Frank Rijkaard, who are leaving the club when their contracts expire next month.

Giggs, 19, would be the right player to support Milan's powerful striking combination of Marco Van Basten and Jean-Pierre Papin next season, the newspaper said.

A spokeswoman for the Milan club, which is owned and financed by Silvio Berlusconi, the media tycoon, denied the report and called it a fairy-tale.

Daniel Fonseca, of Napoli, is another possible target for Milan for next season, but the transfer fee of 17 billion lire (about £7 million) being asked by Napoli for the Uruguayan forward could be a stumbling block to the deal.



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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

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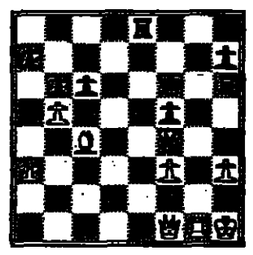

WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

SPRAG
a. A fag at Winchester
b. Derogatory for a Peruvian
c. To access truculently

CUTHBERT
a. An effeminate clergyman
b. An avoider of military service
c. To eavesdrop

SHILL
a. A decoy or accomplice
b. A serrated knife
c. A prostitute

AMPSTER
a. A drunkard
b. An insincere compliment
c. A trickster's accomplice

Answers on page 40

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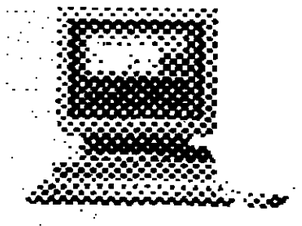

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